#### Qian invites Shevardnadze

MOSCOW (AP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said Saturday he had invited his Soviet counterpart to visit Peking early next year to continue preparations for a possible Sino-Soviet summit. Qian set no date or place for what would be an historic encounter between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and senior Chinese leader Deng Xioping. The two largest communist nations have been estranged for three decades. "Both side agree believe it is important to hold such a meeting," Qian said at the end of a three-day visit to Moseow where he met with Gorbachev and Soviet Foreign Marietae Edwards and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. Qian was the first ranking Chinese official to visit Moscow in 31 years. China and the Soviet Union were allies in the 1950s before relations soured over the direction of the world communist movement. The situation reached a low point in 1969 when the two nations lought a brief frontier war. Asked about prospects for a summit, Qian told reporters in Moscow: "There are some outstanding issues which necessitate further discussion." He added: "For that reason, I have invited my counterpart, Mr. Shevardnadze, to visit China early next year to continue our discussions.



### **Crown Prince urges Islamic effort**

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has called for joint efforts by Islamic countries to set suitable scientific and technological policies to help develop self-reliance. In an address delivered on his behalf by Higher Council of Science and Technology Secretary-General Adnan Badran at an Islamic world seminar here, the Crown Prince said that higher education institutions in the Islamic World should shoulder the responsibility of promoting new ideas and developing resources to attain human and social demands. "It is our responsibility to help the less developed Islamic countries in the field of planning and help them implement applied sciences and technology," the Crown Prince said. He also called for fucusing discussions on applications and adaptabilities of new concepts and warned against possible financial difficulties if Islamic countries do not define bases of cooperation in science and technology. Calling for the establishment of a reliable information centre for to belp make accurate and objective decisions, the Crown Prince said all Muslims should accept and recognise the importance of iotegration.

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#### AROUND THE WORLD...

#### Jayewardene dissolves parliament

COLOMBO (R) - President Junius Jayewardene, yielding to public ur, announced Saturday the dissolution of parliament and set Feb. 15 for Sri Lanka's first general elections in more than a decade. In a television and radio address he also made it clear he was retiring after 45 years in politics, including 11 years as ruler of the Indian Ocean island, after a presidential election Dec. 19. Jayewardene, 82, said the dissolution of parliament would take effect the day after the election. But in an apparent rebuff to opposition demands he said there was no need to hold parliamentary elections at the same time as the presidential poll.

#### Iraqi leader visits Saudi Arabia

RIYADH (R) — The vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Izzat Ibrahim, arrived in Saudi Arabia Saturday for a previously unannounced visit. The Sandi Press Agency said he was greeted on arrival by Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz. It gave no other details of his visit.

#### 2nd sailor dies from Nimitz accident

BONN (AP) - A 19-year-old sailor burned in an accident aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz died in an American military hospital in West Germany Saturday, a spokeswoman reported. Chadwick R. Henderson of Rockford; had been brought to the Landstuhl army regional medical centre Thursday, a day after the Nimitz accident that killed another, sailor and damaged seven aircraft. The Nimitz was operating in the northern Arabian Sea early Wednesday when a 20-mm nose gun on an A-7E Corsair fighter-bomber fired inadvertently during maintenance, touching off an explosion and fire. Scott Dimberg, 23, died aboard the carrier and Henderson suffered secondand third-degree burns in the fire.

#### Filipino labour minister in S. Arabia

RIYADH (AP) - Filipino Labour Minister Franklin Drillon Saturday started talks in Saudi Arabia that were widely expected to deal with a de facto ban on export of additional Filipino labourers to Saudi Arabia. Drillon arrived in Riyadh late Friday at the invitation of his Saudi counterpart, Mohammad Al Ali Al Fayez, While Saudi Arabia did not issue formal restrictions on Filipino workers, recruiting agencies here and in the Philippines reported a halt in granting Filipinos work permits as from July. The general ban did not affect Filipino labourers already in the kingdom.

### Two Saudis executed in Mecca

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia said Saturday it had beheaded two men in Mecca for killing a man during a "disreputable meeting." A Ministry of Interior statement said Bakri Al Qurani and Faisal Yenba'awi, both Saudis, were executed Friday. It gave no other

### Egyptian reelected U.N. agency head

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Mostafa Tolbia, a scientist from Egypt, was Programme, headquartered in Nairobi. Tolba will serve another four years as head of an agency which faces the critical issues of climatic deterioration, the so-called greenhouse effect, and industrial pollu-

### Poland to let Walesa travel abroad

WARSAW (R) - Polish authorities told Solidarity leader Lech Walesa Saturday they were ready to give him a passport to travel abroad for the first time since his union was suppressed under martial law seven years ago. A spokesman for Walesa said he planned to go to France next week to attend 40th-anniversary celebrations of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the invitation of President Francois Mitterrand. The passport office in the northern port of Gdansk rang Walesa's home Saturday and said his passport was ready for collection, the union leader's spokesman said.

### Top-level Iranian team to visit Moscow

NICOSIA (R) - Iran, which said last month it wanted to improve ties with the Soviet Union, is sending a high-level delegation to Moscow Sunday, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. It said the economic and political team, headed by Economy and Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Iravani, would attend meetings of a joint economic commission. Iravani said talks would centre on expanding collabora-tion at the Islahan steel mill, joint exploitation of border rivers, dam construction and the export of Iranian natural gas to the Soviet Union.

### Fabius: Israel should reciprocate

TUNIS (R) — The president of France's national Assembly said Saturday the Palestinian movement had made a move towards peace and it was now up to Israel to reciprocate. "The Palestinians have taken a positive step... now I think that it's Israel's turn to make a step forward. How is up to the Israelis to decide," Laurent Fabius told a news conference. Fabius, ending a three-day visit to Tunisia, said the positions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had for a long time blocked progress towards Middle East peace but this had changed after the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers

### Quake jolts southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A moderate earthquake shook southern California early Saturday, briefly knocking out power to more than 100,00 homes and businesses but causing no major damage. At least a dozen minor injuries were reported. The 3:38 a.m. (1138 GMT) quake registered 5.0 on the Richter Scale, said Hall Daily, a spokesman for the California Institute of Technology Seismology Laboratory in Pasadena. The quake was felt at least 145 kilometres away. The picentre was tentatively located northeast of Los Angeles in west Pasadena, almost directly under the Rose Bowl Stadium, Daily said. The 66-year-old Rose Bowl, scene of the annual tournament of Roses New Year's Day College Football game, appeared to be undamaged.

### Dali continues to improve

BARCELONA (AP) - Surrealist painter Salvador Dali was getting out of bed as his condition improved Saturday after a week's stay in a clinic here for severe heart trouble aggravated by blood clots in the left long. In a statement, a five-doctor team said the 84-year-old artist's condition "continues to improve favourably both from the clinical point of view and that of the amount of oxygen in his blood. But no prognosis will be given," the statement said.

### Moscow congratulates Bhutto

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet Union congratulated Benazir Blautio Saturday on her appointment as Pakistani prime minister, saying it hoped for good relations with Islamabad under her leadership. TASS news agency, in a brief report, said the Soviet government had sent a congratulatory telegram to Bhuito, sworn in as prime minister Friday. The dispatch made no mention of major differences between the two countries over Afghanistan.

## Jordan gets more Canadian aid for hydrocarbon exploration

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) and the Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC) Saturday signed an agreement to extend an existing accord on hydrocarbon exploration in Jordan.

The extension, involves addi-tional PCIAC funding in the amount of Canadian dollars 13 million. The agreement was signed by Peter M. Towe, chairman of PCIAC, and NRA Director-General Kamal Jreisat. This amount brings PCIAC's contribution to NRA's efforts to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of Jor-dan to Canadian dollars 32.1

This extension will permit PCIAC to continue the seismic acquisition and processing programme in the Sirhan and Northern Highlands areas. This programme started in January 1988 in the Risheb area. The new agreement also provides for further Canadian technical assistance to NRA and for continuing training activities until March 1990.

PCIAC will finance the foreign costs of the project, which will ntilise contracted goods

and services from Canada's oil and gas industry. The NRA will provide for all local costs.

PCIAC was established in 1981 by the Canadian government to provide technical and exploration-related assistance to help developing countries explait their bydrocarbon potential. To date, PCIAC has mounted over 35 projects in over 20 developing countries in the Western Hemisphere, Afri-ca and Asia. Wherever possible, these projects are executed by contracted Canadian private-sector enumpanies, thus showcasing Canadian equipment and expertise overseas.

## Israelis kill Palestinian boy, shoot and wound 20

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM he was shot in the neck and chest. (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot to death a 16-year-old and wounded 20 other Palestinians Saturday as stooe-throwing protesters clashed with soldiers in the occupied territories, reports and hospital officials said.

An army spokeswoman confirmed the death and said "severai" Palestinians were wounded. The army clamped curfews oo three West Bank towns and barred reporters from enteriog Nabhus which, with 100,000 resideots. is the West Bank's largest city. The teenager was killed in

Nablus when troops opened fire on demonstrators who erected barricades and hurled rocks and bottles at soldiers, the army said. Reports said the boy was taken to the city's Ittihad hospital after

The death raised to at least 328 the number of Palestinians killed since the start of the year-long Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. A 27-year-old man was shot in

Nablus and taken to Ramallah hospital where he was in critical conditioo, a hospital official said. In the Gaza Strip, witnesses said troops shot and wounded at least five boys wheo oearly 100 demoostrators threw rocks at cars

the head with a plastic hullet in

and soldiers outside a Palestinian elementary school. Witnesses said soldiers opened fire with rubber bullets and live ammunition wheo stone-throwing boys outside the school in Khan

Yunis refused to disperse.

was an 11-year-old hoy shot in the right leg with a plastie bullet. reports said.

On Friday, more than 300 women marched to protest Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The women, marking the near-

ly one year of Palestinian rebellioo in the occupied territories. wore black clothes and carried signs declaring "Stop the occupa-

We Jews have oever been occupiers," said one marcher, Jewel Bellush of New York. "There's oo such thing as a democratic occupatioo."

The demonstration was organised by the Women in Black, a group founded by Israeli womeo after the start of the Palestinian The youngest of the wounded uprising last December.

## PLO hails U.N. vote to move session to Geneva

TUNIS (Agencies) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Saturday the U.N. General Assembly's decision to hold its Palestine debate io Geoeva was a triumph which proved international support for its

The assembly voted 154 to two late Friday to move the debate from New York to Geneva so that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat could take part. It deplored the refusal of the United States to give Arafat a visa to address the assembly in New York.

This vote amounts to an international referendum in favour of

The United States and Israel voted against the resolution and Britain cast the only abstention.
"Now the United States, despite all its might, finds itself

the Palestinian cause and the PLO." Executive Committee member Abdullah Hourani told Reuters.

"It proves that the PLO lead- the world body moved into its ership was right when it said that the resolutions of the Palestine National Council would mobilise support for the Palestinian cause and further isolate an intransigent Israel."

The PNC met in Algiers in November to endorse a new peace strategy which implicitly accepts a two-state solution in Palestine. It also proclaimed an indepen-

dent Palestinian state which the PLO says has already won recognition from more than 70 coun-Io its vote Friday, the U.N.

General Assembly gave its host country an unprecedented rehuke. The resolution said the U.N.

General Assembly "deplores" the United States' refusal to reconsider and grant the visa to Arafat (see page 2).

alone in the world with only first the United Nations has con- appropriate action i Israel by its side," Hourani said. vened outside New York since Washington's stance.

headquarters huilding in Manhattan in 1952. Special sessions have been held in Geneva and else-

Switzerland has no problem with granting a visa to Arafat so he can address the U.N. session in Geneva, a Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman reaffirmed Saturday.

The PNC speaker was quoted Saturday as saying to council might reconvene unless the United States recognised the newlyproclaimed Palestinian state.

Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh told Amman's Sawt Al Shaah daily he would call a new session if Washington persisted in its "obstinate refusal to recognise the Palestinian state and the resolutions of the PNC."

Sayeh said the aim of a new The Geneva session will be the session would be to decide on appropriate action in light of

## **EEC** reaffirms guarded support for PNC decisions

RHODES, Greece (Agencies) — The European Economic Community (EEC) Saturday reaffirmed their guarded support for a Nov. 15 Palestinian declaratioo of an independent state.

The 12 EEC leaders agreed to send their U.N. ambassadors to a special session of the United Nations in Geneva. French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said France, Greece, Italy and Spain had wanted to send their foreign

The U.N. General Assembly is to meet in Geneva to hear Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. The world body decided to hold the special session at its European headquarters after the United States refused to issue an entry visa to Arafat to allow him to address the assembly in New

would send their U.N. envoys to ign Minister Hans van deo Broek. the Geneva session and that Papoulias will represent the EEC an independent Palestine. as his country now holds the rotating chairmanship of the com-

The leaders reaffirmed a joint a visa. statement issued by EEC foreign particularly important and included positive steps.

Northern member states -Britaio, West Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands blocked a plan for an immediate fereoce that she thought the community peace initiative which statement by EEC foreign minis-would inclode contacts with the ters on the Middle East was

Dumas said 11 EEC states issued Nov. 21, said Dutch Fore- said.

That statement welcomed the Greece woold send Foreign Nov. 15 PNC declaration but Mioister Karolos Papoulias. stopped well short of recognising

The EEC leaders have shied away from expressing an opinion on the U.S. refusal to give Arafat Greek Prime Minister Andreas

ministers a formight ago, which Papandreou, the summit's chairsaid the decisions by the Palesti- man, had said earlier he would nian National Council (PNC) were suggest a meeting between the EEC and Arafat. But summit sources said there was no discussioo of that issue

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a oews coo-

PLO.

"We came to the conclusion that at this stage there is nothing to add" to the statement the EEC in conversation over dinner," she

Palestinians shouldering responsibility, international community should exert effort

# King urges world action for peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

LONDON — The Palestinian people are shouldering their responsibility towards bringing about a just and comprehensive negotiated settlement of the Middle East conflict and it is the duty of the international community to exert efforts towards achieving peace in the region, His Majesty King Hussein said Saturday.

ary membership of the Camhridge Union Society, the King briefly reviewed the situation in the Arah-Israeli conflict and reiterated his call for an international peace conference on the Middle East under U.N. auspices and attended by the five permaoent members of the Security Council and all parties involved in the conflict, including the Palestine Liheratioo Organisatioo (PLO).

The PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, has shown that it is shouldering its responsibilities to arrive at a true and just peace," the King said. "The

In a speech accepting a honor- Palestinians have demonstrated their willigness to join in a historie reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis.

"This was clearly manifested in

the resolutions adopted last month in Algiers by the Palestine National Council. The Palestioian people are now on record as fully accepting Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for any peaceful settlement attained through an international peace conference, and of renouncing terrorism. With this new key positioo, they have responded to the various demands, notably those fo the Uoited States government, to make specific and unequivocal commit-



HM King Hussein

ment to these resolutions in order to qualify as a partner to the

peace process. The King warned that the situation in the regioo should not be allowed to continue since it is a direct threat to world peace and stability, especially that Israel has built up a nuclear arsenal and "has receotly acquired space satellite technology as a further element of confrootation.

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## Eritrean front thanks Jordan, seeks talks with Addis Ababa

By Rania Atalla Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Eritrean Liberation Front — United Organisation (ELF-UO) Saturday expressed appreciation for Jordan's support of the struggle of the Eritrean people for liberation and independence and reiterated its call for unconditional, direct negotiations with the Ethiopian government.

Speaking at a press conference here, ELF-UO executive committee member Salah Ayai said the ELF-UO favoured direct negotiations with the Ethiopian government under the aegis of the United Nations, the Arah League and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) with Sudan acting as a mediator.

The ELF-UO, however, rejects a recent proposal for peace put forward by Addis Abaha.



Representatives of the Eritrean Liberation Front - United Organisation hold a press conference in Amman Wednesday (J.T. photo)

to "suppress the Eritrean nation-"The proposal calls for grant-

ing administrative self-rule to the

Ayai described the plan as a hid province of Eritrea at the expense of annexing the strategic province of Dankalia," Ayai said. "It also

(Continued on page 4)

## Israel to extradite gang that hijacked Soviet plane

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A. Soviet plane arrived in Israel Saturday to pick up an armed gang which hijacked a school hus in southern Soviet Union then flew to Tel Aviv in a transport plane provided by Soviet authorties, airport officials said.

The Soviet airliner, a Tupolev-154 carrying a team of 19 medical staff and police investigators, was met by Israeli officials. Airport officials said the gang

which surrendered shortly after arrival io Tel Aviv Friday would not be flown out before Sunday. Israeli authorities said there were four meo and a woman in the gang but Soviet officials in Moseow Saturday mentioned only four men.

Israel has no extradition treaty with the Soviet Union, but both sides have signed international agreements regarding punishing and extraditing hijackers. There are no formal diplomatic

relations between the Soviet Union and Israel hnt a Soviet consular delegation operates from Finland's embassy in Tel Aviv. There is a similar Israeli delegation in Moscow.

During the hijack crisis Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin first contacted the Soviet Union with the help of the United States, a spokesman said. The gang, carrying pistols, a hunting rifle and \$2 million in rouhles and other currencies, surrendered to Israeli authorities without resistance shortly after landing.

The Soviet government handed over the traosport plane and money in return for 30 schoolchildren and a teacher held bostage for 22 hours.

Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Alon Liel said his government had received an official Soviet request for the gang. He said the plane had been sent io coordinatioo with the Israeli aviation authority.

"We would like the story to be over as sooo as possible." Liel

Soviet KGB negotiators hand- Ordzhonikidze.

ed drugs and sackfuls of ransom money to the hijackers before giving them the plane to fly to Israel in exchange for children they had seized hostage. Soviet officials said in Moscow. Saturday.

Details of the two-day drama were given by a deputy chairman of the KGB security police, Vitaly Ponomaryov, in an extremely rare appearance at a news conference. Pooomaryov headed the security operation.

Ponomaryov said ooly four meo were involved. He said the mooey, paid in hard currency, had been thrown aboard the plane as a ransom for 11 of the 30 children who were originally seized on a bus in the town of

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both in Bahr Al Ghazal, are pa.

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town of Aweil between June and

September this year, relief work-

The officials, speaking after a

two-day visit to Aweil 950

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al Khartoum, said the town

needed nearly 30,000 tons of sup-

plies between now and next May

Nutritionists on the team in the

two days checked 160 children

aged under five and found that a

quarter were severely mal-

nourished. Another quarter were

They said almost all those who

died of hunger or an outbreak of

measles in June had trekked to

Aweil from the surrounding

In September, the newspaper

Al Ayam reported mass deaths in

the town but there was no inde-

pendent confirmation until now.

food remained in Aweil, a town

of some 30,000 in Bahr Al Ghazal

region. Those who survived the

famine did so by slaughtering cattle, they added.

The eight-member team was

from the United Nations De-

velopment Programme, the Un-

The officials said very little

countryside in search in food.

to evert a similar tragedy.

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ers said Friday.

# Hoss describes closure of Beirut crossing as sabotage by Aoun

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The head of the civilian cabinet in the dual government Saturday dubbed as "sabotage" the military cabinet's decision to close down the only crossing linking the divided capital, prompting food and fuel shortages in west Beirut.

"This is an irresponsible act of sahotage," said acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss of Friday's decision by army commander Michel Aoun.

Aoun heads a three-man interim military cabinet. He said Friday he ordered the closure of the mid-city museum crossing to protest "harassment" of soldiers heading from west Beirut to the east side by militias.

But a military source said Saturday the real reason behind Aoun's move was the failure of the central bank, which is hased in west Beirut, to pay the Novemher salaries of army personnel stationed in east Beirut. Spokesmen at the central bank declined

The dosure brought the daily truck supplies of flour and fuel from east Beirut to the western sector to a standstill, causing thousands of residents to crowd petrol stations and hakeries to stockpile on the commodities.

There also was fear that the army command would order a

UNITED NATIONS (R) -- Fol-

lowing is the text of the General

Assembly's resolution moving its

Palestine dehate to Geneva from

Dec. 13-15 and deploring the

refusal of the United States to

reverse its denial of a visa to

Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) Chairman Yasser

**RECALLING** its resolution 43/

48 of 30 November 1988, in-

which, inter alia, it urged the host

country to abide scrupulously by

the provisions of the agreement

between the United Nations and

the United States of America

regarding the headquarters of the

United Nations, dated 26 June

The General Assembly,

blockade of drinking water. Water tanks, which supply both sides of the capital, are based in east

The development aggravated a political crisis that is threatening to formalise the country's de facto partition into sectarian mini

The crisis started when parliament failed to elect a successor to former President Amin Gemayel who, minutes before his term expired Sept. 22, appointed Aoun to head the interim

Muslim and leftist leaders rejected Aoun's appointment, backing Hoss cabinet which ruled during Gemavel's term.

Aoun's appointment, they charged, violated an unwritten national covenant dating to Lebanon's independence from France in 1943.

The statement issued Saturday hy Hoss said:

The whims of tyrants will not prevent us from taking the neces- ments but only for basic needs sary measures to protect the such as salaries and fuel.

verse its decisions to deny the visa

requested for Mr. Yasser Arafat,

chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee of the Palestine Liberation

HAVING considered the report

of the secretary general of 1 December 1988 in which the host

country informs him that it sees

"no hasis for changing our deci-

AFFIRMING the right without

any impediment of persons mentioned in Section 11 of the

agreement to enter the United

States of America for the purpose

of transit to or from the head-

1. DEPLORES the failure of

U.N. deplores U.S. stand,

moves session to Geneva

dignity of residents against the consequences of those clumsy

The museum crossing has been the only route for about 17,000 people who commute daily beween the two parts of the capital. Warring militiamen have kept five other crossing points closed for the past three years.

Political sources said Aoun's decision challenged Hoss's government and could lead to a military showdown in Beirut. They also said pro-Muslim and

leftist parties had stockpiled flour and fuel, imported illegally through the Jiyeh, Khaldeh and Ouzai ports south of Beirut over the past month.

The three ports are controlled by the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and the Amal militia.

It was not immediately known whether the Hoss government would press the central bank to cut funds to the military cabinet which depends on it for money to buy provisions.

In an attempt to avert conflict over government finances, Cen-Bank Governor Edmond tral Naim said in September he would transfer money to both govern-

favourably to the request of the

General Assembly contained in

2. DECIDES, in the present

compelling circumstances and

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Palestine, item 37 of the agenda

of the forty-third session of the

General Assembly, in plenary, at the United Nations office at

Geneva during the period from 13 to 15 December 1988;

3. REQUESTS the secretary-

general to make the necessary

arrangements for the imple-

mentation of this resolution, and

authorises ' him to adjust the sche-

dule of meetings at the United

Nations office in Geneva during

its Resolution 43/48;

along the Red Sea coast. The Soviet team, headed by

> day afternoon, a source in the guest palace at Taif said.

first deputy foreign minister and frozen further withdrawals be-

team flew to Saudi Arabia Satur- er Mikhail Gorbachev. He is exday for the first high-level talks perienced in Afghan diplomacy between Moscow and Afghan re- and has the authority to conduct negotiations, diplomats said.

Saudi officials contacted in the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minis-ter Vladimar Petrovsky said in of the negotiations, the first subkingdom said they knew nothing stantive talks between the Soviet Union and the rebels backed hy the United States and Saudi Arahis in the nine-year-old Afghan war. There was no mention of the talks in the local media.

Diplomatic analysts in Moscow said Vorontsov was likely to rived Friday night at the summer sound out the rebel leaders on convening an international conference to consolidate the Geneva accords of last April, under which the Soviet Union pledged to withdraw its 100,000 troops by

more than 50,000 troops, but has

**Doomed Iran Air plane had** 

an international conference on Afghanistan now."

a full settlement is far from being achieved," he said.

range of issues centring on "ensuring the neutrality and demilitarisation" of Afghanistan, he

Rahhani, who currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the rebel alliance, was accompanied in Taif by Sibghatullah Mojadidi, head of the nationalist Jabha-i-Nijat-Milli party, and Ahdul Qadir Keryab, a senior official of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's radical



rise from a target hit by government forces (Sygma Afghan rebels and government forces are engaged in running battles in several parts of the country.

### Photo shows three Afghan fighters watching smoke Soviets to sound out Afghan rebels

NICOSIA (R) - A senior Soviet is considered close to Soviet lead- cause of a deteriorating military bels on ending the war in Afghanistan.

Moscow the two sides would discuss ways of finding an internal settlement to the Afghan problem as soon as possible.

A three-man Afghan delegation led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, head of an alliance of seven Mujahedeen rebel groups, årresort of Taif in the mountains

Moscow's ambassador to Kabul, Yuli Vorontsov, was due Satur-

Vorontsov holds the rank of

Moscow has already pulled out

situation. Deputy Foreign Minister Petrovsky told a news conference Friday it was "urgent to convene

Although more than six months have passed since the Geneva accords went into effect,

The Taif talks would cover a

### calls visa ban baffling UNITED NATIONS (R) — Joseph Verner Reed, ranking American in the U.N. secretariat

and a former U.N. delegate, sharply criticised the decision to bar Yasser Arafat in a letter to President . Reagan an under-secretary general who is in charge of

General Assembly affairs, called the denial of a visa so that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader could address the world body "baffling and contradictory. "The United States is a propo-

nent of free speech all over the world, yet it will not permit Chairman Arafat to enter the United States to speak in a public forum on international territory." Reed, who said he appealed to

Reagan with a heavy heart, went on: "What and/or who will be next? Does this spell the end of the United Nations in the United States and the United States in the United Nations?

"The bottom line, Mr. Presideny the opportunity for an in- decision, he was "the movir vited guest of the United Nations target for the expressions of b has done incalculable damage to wilderment and outrage of the

A banker before he enteres diplomacy, Reed was prominen in Republican politics and strong ly supported Reagan and Pres dent-elect George Bush. Reed's letter was writte

Wednesday, after the Generi Assembly voted to urge the Ui ited States to reverse its rejectio of Arafat. In it, he declared: "Let he (Arafat) speak. Let the wor, community hear his words. Pe-

community may see if he mear what he says Reed said friends and foes ( the United States had just re proached it for refusing to giv

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him a visa. He called it an abrogation 1 the agreement that establishe U.N. headquarters in New You and said "the action has brough almost universal reproach an dismay within the United Nation and from capitals around th

Reed said that although it wi appreciated in the United N.

## United States credibility in the action taken by my nativ GCC to focus on Gulf

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MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa, said in an interview published Saturday the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit his country will host will discuss the Iran-Iraq peace talks. the Palestinian problem and the

Lehanese crisis. "Pan-Arah issues will constitute a basic part of the talks, led naturally by the responsibility of

the GCC states in bolstering i ternational efforts to bring ti Iraq-Iran peace talks to a succe ful end," he told the week newspaper Al Adwaa.

Sheikh Isa said that the c velopments of the Palestini problem and the issue of Let non would he prominent pa Arab issues on the agenda of t

### 1947 and to reconsider and rethe host country to respond those days as required. **Habre says Libyans rearming**

quarters district.

N'DJAMENA (R) — President Hissene Hahre says Libya has used a year-long ceasefire to amass up to 40,000 soldiers and heavy weaponry on its southern

The 48-year-old Chadian leader, in an interview with Reuters two months after the two neighbours resumed diplomatic links, also cast doubt on Libya's commitment to seeking a peaceful end to their longstanding border We cannot say that everyone

is for peace and even if the will for peace exists it does not always materialise..." he said Friday at his office inside the heavilyguarded presidential compound in the capital, N'djamena.

Hahre said between 30,000 and vastly superior Lihyan forces 40,000 men and at least 600 tanks and armoured vehicles have been deployed at five hases - Tumo, in southwest Libya hordering Niger and Chad, Elwyg, in southern Libya Tanoua (also known as

disputed Aouzou Strip a hase he called "Tanoua Two" and another at Maaten-Al-Sara, both inside Lihya. "Libya has more than made up for the heavy losses it suffered

Aouzou Base), straddling the

border between Lihya and the

world last year when his ragged army of desert warriors routed

about a year ago in both men and hardware," he said. Habre, former guerrilla leader turned president, stunned the

which had occupied most of northern Chad for four years.

But Chadian troops failed to hold the Aouzou Strip, the 110,000 square-kilometre mineral-nich sliver of Saharan Desert the two countries have been fighting over since 1973.

Hahre said the Libyan huildun included construction of the 'Tanoua two'' airhase inside Libya's internationally-recog-nised border 50 kilometres northeast of Tanoua.

"One might ask against whom these enormous forces are arrayed?" he said, adding that Lihyan planes violate Chadian airspace almost daily.

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#### 40 seconds to react to warning Abbas for a flight across the waterway, said the MONTREAL (Agencies) - An Iranian airliner report, which is to be presented to the agency's

only had 40 seconds to react to a warning before a U.S. warship shot it down July 3, killing all 290 people aboard, a U.N. aviation agency report was quoted as saying Friday.

The report prepared by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) also confirms the U.S. claim that several warnings were given to the A-300 Airbus before it was shot down in the Gulf hy the USS Vincenoes, Canadian Press (CP) said. The report also says, however, that only a warning from another U.S. ship in the area, the

USS Sides, was coded specifically for Iran Air flight 655, CP said. That warning came 40 seconds before the jet was destroyed by surface-to-air missiles, the news agency quoted the report as saying.

A warning coded for the civilian aircraft "could have been immediately recognisable to the flight crew but was given only in the final challenge, the report said, according to CP. Other warnings were sent on general military and civilian emergency radio frequencies.

Dave Thomas, a Defence Department spokesman in Washington, said the Pentagon had not received the report and would have no comment. Edmund Stohr, a U.S. representative at ICAO, refused comment Friday but said in an interview Thursday the United States considers the report to

Stohr added that compensation has been offered to the families of the victims by outgoing President Reagan.

"We do not admit guilt but we will pay the families.

Airport officials in Iran were unaware a skirmish between the Vincennes and Iranian gunboats in the Gulf just before the airliner left Bandar

governing council Monday. "No 'red alert' status was in effect and the air traffic control units in Tehran and Bandar Abbas

were anaware of any activities at sea," the report was quoted as saying. A Pentagon report blamed the downing of the

airliner on human error by the crew of the Viocennes, which mistook the commercial jet for an Iranian F-14 fighter away from the battle zone. The ICAO report says the sophisticated Aegis radar system on the Vincennes "recorded a flight profile consistent with a normal climb profile of

an Airbus A-300," CP said. The report says the

plane was climbing normally from Bandar Abbas

airport and was well within the "lateral" boundaries of the flight corridor across the Gulf. U.S. navy investigators said in September the Iranian aircraft had been climbing until it was

The ICAO report, prepared at the request of a special meeting in July of the 33-nation ICAO council, is highly technical and does not fix blame. It has been widely circulated at the agency's Montreal headquarters. The Pentagon investigation found a number of

factors led to the airliner being mistaken for an F-14 fighter, but the Aegis radar system, billed as the world's most sophisticated, had performed Vincennes captain Will Rogers said in September that Iran Air 655 had been continually

climbing from Bandar Abbas until it was shot down, 13 kilometres from the U.S. warship. Canadian Press said the report is highly technical and contains five recommendations to improve civil aviation safety in war zones.

# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday, Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4tth Io 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Chadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official a.m. 3.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

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Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757, Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).
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Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383.
Chaplain's residence tel. 628543.
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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox! Ashrafieh, Tel. 77175). Ammen International Church (Interdenominational]: meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 685326. Evangelical Latheres Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 8117951 Smir 811295) Rainbow Con

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Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church)
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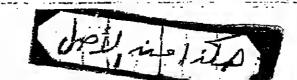
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## **Princess Basma inspects** three centres in Tafileh

Tafileh region Saturday and inspected three community centres there set up by the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) to promote services and improve

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The princess inspected work and activities at the centres, located in Tafileh city. Rweim and Basira, which provide training courses for bealth services for mothers and children and cultural

TAFILEH (Petra) — Her Royal activities for youth and children. Highness Princess Basma visited They have libraries and multipurpose halls for these activities. The Rweim Community Centre

has a kindergarten for three to six-year-old children, a wing to train women to make dresses and living standards for the local in- a mother and child care centre.

> A QAF spokesman said that the three centres cost JD 300,000 and were founded following a survey conducted by specialists to determine the services required by the local inhabitants.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

RIFAI CONGRATULATES BHUTTO: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday sent a cable of congratulations to Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto upon ber taking office as head of government. In his cable, Rifai wished Bbutto success in the leadership of the Pakistani people. The prime minister expressed confidence that the unique and special relationship between Jordan and Pakistan will continue and flourish in the interest of their two peoples. (Petra)

ARAB NEWS AGENCIES MEETING: Jordan is taking part in a two-day incetting by the Arab news agencies union which opened in Damascus Saturday. Delegates will discuss the outcome of the Euro-Arab dialogue in promoting work of Arab news agencies' activities and will make a general assessment of the union's operations in 1987 and chart a plan for the coming year. Ali Safadi, director general of the Jordan News Agency, Petra is taking part in

PEOPLE'S ARMY: A new batch of People's Army recruits Saturday began training courses at the Karak Governorate. The participants will receive lectures and training exercises on various types of weapons, civil defence, and public safety. (Petra)

JD 74000 FOR CHARITY: The Cabinet agreed to provide JD 74,000 in financial aid to the charitable associations in Jordan from the Sotial Development Ministry's allocations. (Petra)

EFFECTS OF FLOURIDE: Health Minister Dr. Zaid Hamzeb Saturday chaired a meeting on matters related to flouride found in drinking water and its effects on teeth. Dr. Hamzeb stressed the need to preserve the students' health and teeth. A number of health officials and dentists attended the meeting. The Health Ministry had reached an agreement with the University of Jordan to carry out a study on the effects of flouride on the students' teeth in various parts of the Kingdom, (Petra)

MAN JAILED FOR 2 YEARS: The military court bas sentenced Faisal Abdul Rahim Ibrahim Salamah to two-year hard labour and the payment of JD 600 for possession of hashish. The military governor endorsed the sentence. (Petra)

RAWDAH ELECTIONS: Preparations have been completed for the Rawdah municipal elections in the Na'our district which is due to begin Monday. 904 registered voters will elect eight of the 15 candidates competing for the council seats. (Petra)

### Odeh, Saudi team discuss income tax systems

AMMAN (Petra) — Finance legation visited a number of the Minister Hanna Odeh Saturday, department sections and exhad a meeting with a delegation representing the Saudi Arabian Zakat and Income Tax Department and discussed matters of mutual interest and related to income tax collection and income

Abdul Gbaffar who later met research in Jordan with Income Tax Department come tax system. Later the de- on the RSS.

combating the desert locusts and

the role of citizens and depart-

ments in the fight against the pest

were discussed bere at a meeting

chaired by Governor Akram Al

The meeting also discussed the role of manicipal and village

councils in fighting off the locusts

in the event they invade Jorda-

nian territory. Provincial and dis-

trict governors and department

Minister of Agriculture Mar-

officials attended the meeting.

Nasser.

**Irbid officials discuss** 

means to combat locusts

IRBID (Petra, J.T.) - Means of the formation of 21 committees to

combat the pests

wards the Kingdom.

amined their functions.

Also Saturday, the Saudi delegation visited the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and was briefed by RSS Vice-President Dr. Jamal Bdour on the society's future plans and role in support-The delegation led hy Mansour ing scientific and technological

The delegation toured a num-Director Salman Al Tarawneb to ber of sections and laboratories, discuss questions related to in- and watched a documentary film

Late last month the ministry

announced that Jordan was free

of desert locusts and that the

coming winter season was bound

to drive away any swarms of the

pests that might be beading to-

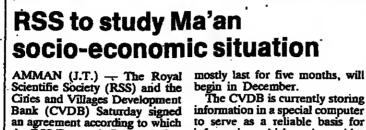
According to Lutfi Hweidi,

director of agricultural services at

the Ministry of Agriculture, cen-

tral operations rooms have been

established in Amman, Karak,



Horani sign a research agreement (Petra photo)

Royal Scientific Society President Dr. Jawad Anani and Cities and Villages Development Bank Director General Mohammad Saleh Al

to serve as a reliable basis for information which various sides the RSS Economie Research Decan refer to, particularly those partment will carry out a study on the socio-economic situation of interested in investment. the Ma'an Governorate with the The agreement was signed by RSS President Dr. Jawad Anani belp of CVDB employees. and CVDB Director General The study is designed to lonk into the chances available to carry

The CVDB bad earlier sup-ported two studies carried out by out small and medium-size invest-The study will contribute to providing background information needed for the feasibility the RSS in the Tafileb Governorate and the Baqaa camp. The CVDB also cooperated

study of certain projects.

The Regional Development with Mu'ta University to carry out a similar study in the Karak Fund also needs this study so as Governorate. Studies for the reto determine priority projects. The current study, which will maining governorates will be completed at a later date.

## Tabbaa opens meeting on industrial property policies

cial meeting on planning industrial property policies in Arab countries was opened in Amman Saturday under the sponsorship of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and its affiliate, International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (IUPIP).

Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa, who opened the meetings, outlined Jordan's achievements in establishing specialised centres for research and studies like the Al Al Bait Foundation which is concerned with culture, literary and Islamic writing, and the Higher Council for Science and Technology which focuses attention on industrial and technological issues along with the Royal Scientific Society

(RSS).
"Jordan has been a WIPO

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A special meeting on planning industing in 1972 in order to gain more support for its endeavours in intellectual work and industry, which in turn surve national de-

Mohammad Saleb Al Horani..

velopment," the minister noted. Tabbaa who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, in opening the seminar, outlined world industrial developments since the second half of the 19th century and noted that the Arab World's efforts in modern development require close cooperation with the two international organisa-

WIPO Director General Dr. Arpad Bogsch delivered a speech noting the fruitful cooperation between the organisation and

Jordan and other Arab countries.
The three-day meeting is being attended by delegates from Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Algeria, Sndan, Tunisia, Libya, North and member since 1971 and has Sonth Yemen and Somalia.

and registers, as well as organis-

ing the distribution of medicines

in order to control and contain

poultry-diseases," the minister

in Amman Tawfiq Ibn Amara

spoke at the meeting outlining

the seminar's objectives. The

centre's Director Abdul Karim

Al Khazraji referred in a speech

to the efforts of the U.N. Food

and Agriculture Organisation

(FAO), which runs the centre, in

stemming poultry-related dis-

The first secretary at the Italian

embassy in Amman, who

attended the opening session

noted that his government was a

major contributor to the project

and is currently financing 62 per

cent of the projects operations

Since its establishment in 1985.

the centre has done its best to

provide excellent services to

countries in the Near East

through training consultancies,

technical assistance, feed analy-

ses, disease diagnosis and field

surveys, the Italian official said.

So far, be added, 209 partici-

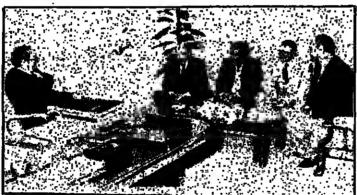
pants from 18 countries in the

region attended the centre's

courses and benefitted their na-

through FAO.

UNDP deputy representative



## Amin meets Egyptian group

Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin Saturday met with the Egyptian economic delegation currently visiting Jordan, and reviewed the goals and achievements of the five-year socioeconomic development plan in Amman, stressing that the plan represents Jordan's aspirations to attain the highest standard of progress and prosperity. He referred to the importance of exchanging expertise and information in the field of regional planning. The delegation also visited the governorate's operations room. (Petra photo)

Seminar discusses use of

drugs in poultry industry

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A

several day regional seminar on

the use of drugs and medicine in

the poultry industry opened at

the Jordan-based Regional Poul-try Training and Development

The seminar, organised by the

centre in cooperanon with the

United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP) will discuss

most proper means of safeguard-

ing the safety of birds, the use of

vaccines and medicine in poultry

treatment operations, and ways

to help ensure successful in-

Minister of Agriculture Mar-

wan Hmoud, who opened the

sessions, noted that the private

sector in Jordan has lately in-

creased its importation of vac-

cines and medication for birds in

the light of a great increase in

poultry meat and the expansion

of poultry farms in the Kingdom.

its part has opened a special unit

to deal with veterinary medicines

and to control the use of drugs in

and affiliated departments, the

Ministry of Agriculture is provid-

ing advice to all concerned parties

over the importation of medica-

tions, vaccines and their types tions.

"Through its various facilities

this industry. Hmoud said.

The Ministry of Agriculture for

Centre for the Near East.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON**

wan Hmoud had earlier ordered Zarqa, and Ma'an

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

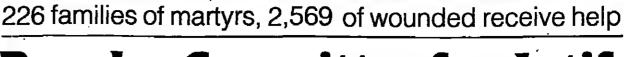
- A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in which more than 69 paintings are on display.
- An exhibition on Alia, an Islamic medieval city, port of Palestine and the storehouse of Hijaz on the China Sea, at the Department of Antiquities' Registration and Research Centre. A combined exhibit of watercolours, oil paintings and prints
- including works by: Firyal Azami, Diana Shamounki, Rima Farah, and few other artists, with a display of wall hangings by Yvone Yassine on popular Nursery Rhyme Themes at the Hotel Jerdan Intercontinental Gallery.
- \* An exhibition of drawings and watercolours of German Romanticism at the Fine Arts Department, the Yarmouk University.
- ☆ The annual book exhibition of the Yarmouk University which includes academic, scientific and cultural books besides exhibitlug dictionaries and scientific encyclopaedias.
- \* The French book exhibition at the French Cultural Centre. A Yugoslavian art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

- A feature film entitled "Notorious" at the American Centre -
- An Italian film cutitled "La Circostanza" (The Incident) at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

### LECTURE

\* A lecture on Islamic Art Conservation by Martl: Sp. ith, Paper Conservator at Smithsonian Institution's Sackler and Freer Galleries in Washington D.C., at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts — 5:00 p.m.

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## **Popular Committee for Intifada** collects JD 1.2m in contributions

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — One million, two hundred and twenty one thousand and one hundred and thirty dinars (JD 1.221.130) have been collected by the Popular Committees for the Intifida in Jordan for the families of the wounded and martyrs in the occupied

The individual contributions and funds raised through a few charitable functions have belped 2,569 families of the wounded and 226 families of martyrs, said Dr. Mamdouh Abbadi, bead of the popular committee.

"It is not only the money but also the community effort to sup-port the intifada which is important," said Abbadi who is also the president of the Jordan Medical Association.

Whereas the bulk of the money has been donated by banks in Jordan — the Arab Bank topping the list with a contribution of JD 100.000 - individuals have tried within their capacity to raise

places a collection box in his store and customers put in loose change or more according to their financial status.

To date there are popular committee branches in Amman, Irbid, Salt, Zarqa, Karak and Mafrak, beaded by the mayors of these municipalities. Each branch has between 15 to 20 working

Initially, the idea of such committees was introduced by the Professional Associations Union. 'Under normal circumstances the peole in the occupied territories need belp, so now with the intifada they need even more belp," said Abbadi.

Shortly after the intifada began Abbadi cited following ex-ample: a store owner in Karak ion presented the proposal to

the right to have the donations - composed of the heads of the banks, chambers of commerce. chambers of trade and industry, woman's organisation, labour, medical and lawyers unions held their first meeting in January

"These personalities were chosen because they represent large segments of the population, plus they are influential in collecting large sums of money," said

Most of the committee's work was concentrated on banks, unions, and the chambers of trade and industry. However, the committee found donations from some sectors — historically known for their involvement not as forthcoming in their donations. Abbadi pointed to the members of the chamber of trade and commerce, saying, "they were not up to the standard we

Nevertheless, the work of the committees was quickly publi-

Abdul Majirl Shoman, head of cised in the occupied territories the Arab Bank. After gaining the — mostly verbally. The needy approval of the government and Palestinian families receive the money in Amman. They must tax free, the executive committee approach the Professional Associations Union huilding and present the proper documents and photocopy of the passport, as proof that there has been a wounded victim or a martyr in their family.

Since some of the families can not afford to come to Jordan, they can send their documents and papers with other Palestinians crossing the hridge. "We are convinced that the money is reaching deserving families," be

During an executive committee meeting held Saturday, its members reviewed the past year's activities and decided o embark on new ways to collect donations due to the prevailing circumstances. As Abbadi put it: "When we started we did not expect the intifada to continue this long, but now all indicators show that it will continue indefinitely. We will continue our support and we have. asked our members to donate

## U.K. trade team, Jordanian firms reach 2 joint venture agreements

By Salameh Ne'matt Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN - A British trade delegation representing 16 manufacturers from the northern region of England are currently visiting Jordan to promote trade ties between the two countries and to look into channels of mutual cooperation.

Steve Wilson, head of the trade mission, organised by the British Northern Development Company (NDC), which arrived Friday, said Saturday that an agreement bas already been reached with two Jordanian companies for joint venture projects, including

local manufacturing under licence from a British manufacturer. Wilson told the Jordan Times

be boped the mission would assist industries in England's northern region to market their goods in Jordan and to lonk into possibilities of joint venture projects. He said that Middle East Business Consultants Ltd., marketing consultants for British Companies in the Middle East, who are represented in this trade mission, are seriously considering setting up an office in Amman

The north of England is an area where heavy industry such as coal mining, steel, shipbuilding, and

many types of engineering has been rationalised and modernised over the past 25 years and is now both prosperous and competitive in world markets.

Wilson said although recent government restrictions on imports were bound to reduce the volume of Jordanian imports from Britain, the companies represented in the trade mission were not producers of the restricted goods.

The delegation is scheduled to meet with Jordanian business counterparts, as well as representatives of the Amman Chambers of Industry and Trade.

The NDC, established two years ago, is 50 per cent funded by the British government as initial assistance and the rest is financed by large industries and membership fees from 350 com-

panies in the region.

According to Wilson, the NDC has so far succeeded in attracting 166 foreign companies into the northern region, bringing in £320 million and creating 4,000 jobs in the 12 months ending March

He stressed the importance of companies going out and visiting other countries to market pro-

### **Near East** faces food sufficiency problems. **Hmoud savs**

AMMAN (Petra) — The countries of the Near East confront numerous problems in providing sufficient food for their rapidly increasing population, although many of them have great agricultural and human resources potentials, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmond said Saturday.

"In view of the slow-down in food production, the countries of this region bave become dependent, to a large extent, on imports from other countries, while at the same time they bave failed to increase the input to utilise available arable land for increasing food production," the minister told the opening session of a constituent assembly represent-ing the agricultural marketing organisations in the North Africa and Near East regions.

The meeting has been organised by the Jordanian Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO) in cooperation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Hmoud said Jordan believes

that economic integration among countries in the region lies in close cooperation in the process of marketing agricultural products and an exchange of expertise to overcome problems impeding production.
The AMO Director General

delivered a speech saying be believed that the creation of a regional grouping representing the agricultural organisations, will give impetus to the general efforts by nations to facilitate the marketing of their products and encourage cooperation in food production. FAO representative Salah

Jumaa said that the four-day meeting was bound to enhance the ties of cooperation among the countries of the region and between them and FAO in matters related to food production. Jumaa noted that the Near

East and North African countries all suffer from the problem of poor marketing of their products, "but the current meeting is expected to find means of stepping up cooperation that would benefit all concerned countries."

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## Yarmouk seminar to discuss proper use of natural resources

IRBID (J.T.) — Unemployment Jordanians make better use of in Jordan and the proper utilisation their human and natural re-local industry, modernisation of tion of the country's natural re- sources, organise the lahour mar- the Jordanian customs procesources will be discussed at a ket in a more effective manner dures, proper use of land and. seminar to be opened at Yar- and find new ways for promoting various elements that are impedmouk University Monday under development in the Kingdom, the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

A report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily said that the two-day seminar will discuss 19 working papers nian workers in the country, sequences.

The seminar, which is being organised by the university's nistrative Sciences, aims to help the participants Talasha noted.

according to Dr. Hussein Talafha the faculty dean.

Adverse effects of non-Jorda-

dealing with the question of un- domestic emigration involving employment, its causes and the movement of citizens from means of dealing with its con-rural to urban regions, Jordan's total workforce capacity and the Kingdom's efforts to exploit oil shale will be among the other Faculty of Economy and Admi- topics that will be discussed by

He said that matters that affect ing an increase in wheat production will also be reviewed by participants who represent Jordanian universities, as well as those representing universities in Bagh-

dad, Cairo and Belgium. Also taking part in the seminar are representatives of the Ministries of Planning and Labour, the Royal Scientific Society, the Central Bank of Jordan, the Vocational Training Corporation and the International Labour Orga-

## Kanaan, Egyptian delegation review joint development plans

Planning Taher Kanaan Saturday joint projects with Arab coun-met with a delegation representing the departments of planning and economy in Egypt and reviewed joint Egyptian-Jordanian plans in transport, tourism, industry, energy, sea water de-salination, fishing and marine environement.

Kanaan voiced the Jordanian government's interest in promoting regional economic planning orient representatives of the Am-

The two sides reviewed joint plans for southern Jordan and Sinai and examined existing plans in Jordan for promoting provin-cial rule and re-organising cities and urban regions.

Also Saturday Kanaan presided over a seminar coovened to

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of and increasing and expanding man Chambers of Industry and Trade on the international ommercial data bank - rd dir - ed the prospect of ankir : an with it to pro lote the country's

> Kanaan told the meeting that the data bank provides information on industry and commerce that can help Jordanian manufacturers to produce more competirive products. .

trade.

## Jordan spent JD 3.5m on roads, maintenance in 1987 — Zawaideh

seminar opened bere Saturday to axial weight limits to prevent any discuss means of dealing with pits damage to them, and reduce on Jordanian roads and modern maintenance cost," Zawaideh road repair techniques and pro-noted. cesses, as well as proper measures to improve quality of roads in the is estimated at 6,000 kilometres maintenance services, scientific Kingdom.

Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh, wbo opened the sessions on behalf of Society Sa'id Bino delivered a His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, told the meeting that Jordan last year spent JD 3.5 million or 10 per cent of the total public expenditure on roads and road maintenance.

"Jordanian towns and villages are connected by a modern asphalted network of roads, considered as a national wealth cootrihuting towards the country's development," Zawaideh noted.

He said that this network requires constant maintenance not only for the economy but also to safeguard travel and ensure safety on the roads.

"The Ministry of Public Works and Housing is responsible for the roads in Jordan and it is

Jurdan's present road network according to the minister.

President of the Jordan Roads speech outlining the society's activities and role in protecting the road network in Jordan in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Greater Amman Municipality.

Bino said extra load on the road is bound to cause extensive

Works to take speedy measures part in the meetings.

AMMAN (Petra) - A two-day therefore concerned to fix the to put an end to excessive axial weights and to enact laws in this concern. Participants in the seminar will

review 16 working papers dealing with pits and holes in the road, and expanding all the time, means of protecting roads and other related topics.

Delegates representing the Ministry of Public Works, the Telecommunications Corporation, the Water Authority of Jordan, the Jordan Electricity Authority, the Royal Scientific Society, Jordanian universities, the Jordanian Armed Forces, Greater Amman Municipality, the Engineers and Contractors Associations and experts from West Ger-He urged the Ministry of Public many and Denmark are taking

CENTRES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED: As part of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, Social Development Minister Dr. Fawwaz Tougan Saturday opened

two centres for the mentally retarded in Sahab and Jerash, and was briefed on their facilities and services. Sahah and Jerash centres bouse fifteen and sixteen children respectively. (Petra)

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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## On their own

THE overwhelming support for the U.N. General Assembly's decision to transfer the U.N. debate on Palestine from the U.N. headquarters in New York to its European office in Geneva in order to afford PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat an opportunity to address the U.N. body is a devastating rebuff to Washington's protestations that the voice of the PLO must not be heard. The 154 state vote support to this move against only the U.S. and Israel is a knockout reaction by the whole international community to the U.S. and Israel's awkward determination to silence the voice of the Palestinians and derail and sabotage the moderate forces among them. It is just too clear now that neither the U.S. nor Israel seeks accommodations with the Palestinians and hy undermining the moderate elements among them they want to make sure that the Palestinians would remain forever

Whatever happened to the American unequivocal offer to engage the PLO in a dialogue the second it accepts U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 is uppermost on the minds of statesmen worldwide. It will be recalled the whole world sighed with relief when the PLO took a great risk for peace hy accepting these very resolutions in anticipation of reciprocal reaction from the other side. A breakthrough, one thought, was imminent with that Palestinian declaration however, instead of reciprocating the PLO's gamble for peace, Tel Aviv and Washington started punching holes in it to the extent that one is forced to conclude that no matter what the PLO says or does it will not be enough to satisfy the insatiable Israeli thirst for complete Arab surrender.

Fortunately, however, the nations of the world representing every civilisation, religion and ideology, have welcomed the voices of moderation within the Palestinian organisation as genuine and worthy of nurturing and consolidation. That is why even the Western allies of the U.S. parted company with it and opted to lend support to the glimmer of hope that was struck at the PNC's meeting in Algiers last mouth. As things look now, Washington and Tel Aviv stand alone in their unreasonable posture. Isn't there a clear message in all this for these two lonely countries?



### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Aabic daily Saturday discussed current efforts by King Hussein to end differences between Egypt and Syria as part of his relentless endeavours to bolster inter-Arab relations. The Arab summit meeting in Amman in 1987 at which the King succeeded in ending many differences among Arabs, is still alive and is being utilised by the King to bring about harmony among Arab countries on issues of common concern, said the paper. King Hussein has always said that bridging gaps among Arabs and establishing consensus among Arab leaders lie at the basis of all joint Arab actions, the paper added. It said that the King's tours in Arah states are dedicated to achieving this goal and serving the Arab Nation's interests. The King's efforts, the paper concluded, are welcomed warmly hy the Arab masses and are indeed a source of pride for the Jordanian people.

Writing in Al Ra'i daily, the paper's editor attacks the U.S. as being against the achievement of peace in the Middle East in the framework of an international formula, because he says the U.S.-Zionist plan aims at imposing capitulation on the Arabs forcing them to have unilateral agreements with the Jewisb state. Rakan Al Majali says that by refusing to allow PLO leader Yasser Arafat to enter New York to address the U.N. General Assembly, the U.S. has not only placed itself side by side with the Israeli enemy but has earned for itself world-wide condemnation for its policy. The PLO has offered all it can to reach peace, and by accepting U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, the PLO has proved willing to reach a peaceful and lasting settlement and ready to meet the U.S. demands, the writer adds. He says that by adopting this unjustified stand the U.S. bas proved that it is totally against the idea of an international conference to hring about a lasting peace.

Al Dustour daily paid tribute to King Hussein's effort which it said led to the emergence of a unified Arab stand vis-a-vis the Palestine question and helped to pave the way for the Algiers proclamation of the Palestinian state. The crowning of the King's endeavours at the Arab and international levels came with the voting at the U.N. General Assembly by 151 states against the U.S. stand with regard to the PLO, the paper noted.

Sawt Al Shaab daily wrote abot the new phase in joint Arab action in the wake of the Palestine National Council's resolutions in Algiers and the PLO's recognition of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The Arab diplomatic offensive is now at its highest and is designed to back the Palestinian people in their drive to regain their rights, the paper said. The paper said that King Hussein is spearheading the offensive on the international level and his drive is clearly aimed at backing the just struggle of the Palestinian people. Jordan, it said, has earlier responded to the PLO demand for severing ties with the West Bank; thus paving the ground for the Palestinian state and the Algiers

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Time to adjust

THE CURRENT economic crisis which erupted at mid October and resulted in the floating of the Jordan dinar, belped open up the economic file and disclose all the contents without baving to worry that the disclosure may cause negative impact or deepen

However, the Jordanian national economy have strong points. Gold and other reserves, beld with the Central Bank, are not the most important of these strong points. In fact the gold and free convertible currencies held by the Central Bank can finance two months of imports, or cover the installments and interest on foreign loans for six months.

The Jordanian economy is relatively strong because it is dynamic, resilient and has the capability of absorbing shocks, and containing the problems. It makes it easy to recognise the mistakes and take corrective measures before it is too late to act.

The October monetary crisis that Jordan witnessed could have caused a total economic collapse in another country. In Jordan it has beccome the start of a revival movement, and adjustment in

the right direction. People have accepted the sacrifices they were called upon to shoulder, and this surprised foreign observers.

Currently, the expatriates remittances and the partial return to the dinar have became sufficient to cover all private sector needs for imports of goods and services. As a matter of fact the moneychangers experienced during the last week a surplus in dollars and a shortage of dinars that they were either borrowing dinars or liquidating dollars to meet their commitments in local

Statistics also show that Jordanians finding new jobs in the Arab Gulf states are almost equal to those who are returning back from the Gulf due to the expiry of their contracts or for other

Jordanian exports responded to the new rate of exchange. Estimates indicate that the rise in exports is close to 20 per cent if measured in dollars or quantities, and 60 per cent in terms of dinars. Imports will definitely undergo a major structural change as soon as the transitional period is over. The foreign trade sectorwill soon adjust itself to the realistic means of the country.

Jordan also owns huge reserves in private hands. These could return to the country as soon as confidence is restored and the right atmosphere is created, and when such step becomes a convincing proposition from a self interest point of view.

Jordan's excellent infrastructure built during the 1970s enables the country to go on for years without major capital expenditure. Maintenance improvements, and utilisation of idle capacity can

The strategic geopolitical position of Jordan in the Arab World, and the quality of its manpower will enable the country to face up to the new challenges and difficulties, and eventually evercome

This is not to suggest that Jordan can overcome all its present difficulties by itself, and without help from Arab partners, friends and international institutions. It only means that those supporters can help us help ourselves, and utilise our strong points.

## There are ways to ease the Third World's debt

By Melvin Fagen

GENEVA — The change in U.S. presidents will provide an opportunity to explore more effective ways of coping with Third World

The key to solving the debt problem is to revive private bank lending. To encourage this, creditor governments and intergovernmental agencies, like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, should guzrantee future credits from private banks to the indebted nations.

At present, this credit has dried up. In the past two years, creditors bave received \$46 billion more from debtor countries than they have lent in new money. Measures to reduce existing debts would discourage private lending. Creditor governments would be unlikely to fill the gap by increasing official transfers.

Exhortations and arm-twisting by governments and the IMF no them for U.S. lenders who grant would give them a breathing spell

longer have much effect on the banks. But there would be inducement in governmental guarantees for the repayment of interest and principal on new lending — but only on government-approved projects.

Such government guarantees would be no innovation. For years, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has been guaranteeing credits granted for foreign sales of U.S. products. In September it was announced that the United States bad guaranteed \$5 billion of Israeli debt securities that were, "repackaged" from government military loans to Israel, and that Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia and Turkey would be issued similar U.S.

guarantees. If it is in the U.S. national interest to issue governmental guarantees for bonds issued by these countries, wby is it not in the national interest to provide

credits to debtor nations?

By issuing such guarantees for new private lending, the U.S. government would not be bailing out the banks, as it effectively does now by providing taxpayers' money, directly and through intergovernmental agencies, to help debtor countries pay current annual charges on their debts.

Another beneficial policy change would be large reductions in annual foreign exchange payments by debtor countries on

their existing debts.

For the foresceable future, most Third World countries will be unable to pay even the interest on their debts much less the principal, because of a lack of

foreign exchange. Rudiger Dornhusch, of the setts Institute of Technology, has suggested allowing debtor countries to make annual debts paymets in their own currencies for the next 10 years. This

in which to begin recovery projects and undertake needed structural chang

The sums paid in local currency would enter special accounts beld by the creditors in the debtor country, as was done by Britain when it blocked sterling payments after World War II. These accounts would enable the private creditor banks to avoid writing off the sums due, or even making debt-loss provisions in their balance sheets, while lowering the banks' current tax liabili-

The blocked funds need not remain idle; interest would be paid on them, and transfers for productive domestic investment or other approved local spending could be authorised.

This would be an effective way to lower the annual payments burden.

debtor nations. Its austerity poli- social welfare. cies, a condition for adjusting debt burdens, have been misguided. Not only have they failed to stop inflation, they have led to

sharp declines in living standards,

undermining regimes trying to move toward greater democracy. The IMF should help debtor countries reduce budget deficits by allowing smaller debt-service payments in foreign exchange. In the Philippines, for example, such payments account for onefifth of the government budget.

It should request only gradual reductions in state subsidies for basic foods and other goods on which living standards depend. It should recommend lower interest rates, to stimulate investment in the expanded domestic produc- countries. tion of basic foods and fuels.

It should help the debtor gov-To help ease repayment burdens, the IMF also could change
the conditions it imposes on the

ernments institute expanded The U.S. gove
programmes for rural developtake the lead ment, health care, education and Herald Tribune.

It should insist on effective measures to repatriate capital unlawfully transferred abroad -including money taken out of the country by government leaders and prevent such transfers in the future. Measures are seeded. too, to eliminate bribery on projects financed by foreign loans.

These are goals that the IMF should and could achieve. New policies of this kind, introduced by the next U.S. administration and coupled with measures aimed at increasing the export riceipts of Third World countries, would not require any real sacrifice by the industrialised courtries. Rather, they would help to in-crease exports to Third Vorld

The old pobcies bave failed. Now is the time to change them. The U.S. government should

# Arab American community coming of age

By Ruth Sinai The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the White House and Congress to the docks of Seattle and the farms of California, the Arab American community is coming of age.

Many Arab Americans believe the choice of John Sununu as President-elect George Bush's chief of staff and George Mitchell . as Senate majority leader bave given new legitimacy and respectability to their 2.5-million-memnunity. Both men have

(Continued from page 1)

Referring to the almost one-year-old Palestinian uprising in

the occupied territories, the King

said: "The people of the West

Bank and Gaza have acted no

differently from any other self-

respecting people seeking to liberate themselves from foreign

occupation and colonisation. The

harsher the Israeli repressive me-

asures, the more determined the

Arab people have become to

attain their God-given right to

live in freedom and buman

Following are major excerpts

from the King's address:
"We have been heartened by

the recent steady improvement in

international relations. There is a

growing realisation that the way

ahead lies in cooperation and

compromise rather than in con-

frontation and polarisation. The

fruits of this forward thinking are

already apparent in various re-

gional trouble spots such as

Afghanistan, Angola, Central

America and the Iran-Iraq, war.

We are greatly encouraged that

solutions to these problems have

either been reached or are in the

process of being finally negoti-

dignity.

relatives of Arab origin. "The process of exclusion that

we suffered is now broken," said James Zogby, executive director of the Arab American Institute, a lobbying group. "We have managed to remove the taint attached to us and mature as a community much like the Hispanics and Asians," be said.

But unlike Hispanics, Asians and other ethnics minorities in the United States, Arab Americans are often strongly ideotified by the public in terms of the

'We are hopeful that the inter-

national community will continue

to press ahead along the construc-

tive path of defusing regional

conflicts. It will be an important

contribution to making the world

a safer and a better one.

towards them have been shaped by the strong support of Congress and the administration for Israel's side of the dispute.

Snnunu, wbose grandfather was Lebanese and wbo has been. active in the National Association of Arab Americans, learned this. political lesson the hard way. His selection as Bush's White

House gatekeeper drew anxious reactions from the Jewish com-

Summu apologised at a news ity and mimic "the opposition." conference in Washington earlier this month, saying he should have signed the petition, and met with Jewish leaders to reassure them of his support for Israel.

The former governor of the state of New Hampshire has long been aware of the pitfalls of public pro-Arab stands. At a keynote address to the 1984 convention of National Association munity over is refusal last year to 'of Arab Americans, which endorse a proclamation conde- adopted a resolution to stop aid mning a U.N. resolution that to Israel, be exhorted the partici-

aimed at attaining a just and durable peace. It has vastly escalated the arms

race in the region. Israel has de-

veloped and stock-piled a nuclear

arsenal which threatens the entire

area, and has recently introduced

space satellite technology as a further element of confrontation. It is not

surprisings then, that the Arab coun-

tries have been actively seeking

The Arab World is on record a

ready and willing to make its con-tribution for the cause of peace, the

PLO, the sole legitimate representa-tive of the Palestinian people, is shouldering its responsibilities to ar-rive at a true and just peace. The

Palestinians have demonstrated their willingness to join in a historic recon-

ciliation between Arabs and Israelis.

"... The Palestinian people have shouldcred their responsibilities, supported by the efforts of Jordan and

the Arab states. We believe that it is

step and yearning for peace.
"We believe that the international

Israel's turn to reciprocate this histor-

community and people of goodwill everywhere are called upon to im-

press on Israel the need to heed the

call of reason and peace. We hope that you will also support and assist

our efforts in this worthy endeavour, for our efforts have always been, and will always be, dedicated to a better

future for the coming generations."

The King is currently on a working

visit to Britain. During his stay there, be is expected to hold talks with British Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher and other senior British

officials on the latest developments in

the Arab-Israeli conflict and pros-pects for peace in the Middle East.

means to redress the imbalance.

Arab American leaders concede that Sununn was deliberately careful in his choice of words, a factor they said enabled him to get as far as the White House.

Mitchell, whose mother was a Lebanese immigrant, has been just as careful. Mitchell's 1982 and 1988 Senate races were supported by Jewish voters in his home state of Maine. He bas also been quietly involved in Arab causes such as the American task force on Lebanon, and Arab American organisations have lobbied for his Senate leadership

selection. The task force, in which Sununu was also active, is a non-pobtical body composed of businessmen and politicians seeking to promote a peaceful solution to Lebanon's crisis and economic rehabilitation for the shattered country.

Other Arab Americans are also gaining political prominence. Mary Rose Oakar, an Ohio Congresswoman of Lebanese descent, is running for the chairmanship of the House Democratic Party caucus in January.

Dozens of Arab Americans have been chosen for federal, state and mayoral offices around the country. To name a few: Virginia's secretary of buman services. Eva Sayegh Tieg; the mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, Tommy Hazouri; Rhode Island state treasurer Anthony Solomon and Michael Baroody, assistant secretary of labour in the Reagan

administration. "They're openly identifying themselves as Arab Americans, said Zogby, "whereas a few years ago they wouldn't have mentioned it at all."

Arab Americans' most notable past attempts to break into the political arena have been associated with strong views on the

Arab-Israeli conflict. In 1984, the Without naming the powerful Rev. Jesse Jackson, the first pro-Israel lobby, Sununu talked black leader to make a serious about "others with perspectives run for the presidency, gave Arab very different from us who have Americans a prominent role in influenced the decision-making his campaign and championed process in this country to the one of their dearest causes — the detriment of this nation's foreign creation of a Palestinian bomecreation of a Palestinian bome-

> Arab Americans to score political successes recently have come from the political mainstream rather than the fringe. Sununu is a conservative with impeccable Republican credentials. Mitchell is an integral part of the political and social establishment, often riding with Bush on his airplane from Washington to their bomes

in Maine. In recent years, Arab Americans bave also been organising in labour unions as an ethnic group: Yemenite longshoremen in the west coast port of Scattle, Lebanese Shi'ite autoworkers in Detroit and Syrian steelworkers

in Pennsylvania. They point with pride to such prominent Americans as Beverly Hills disc jockey Casey Kasem and consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

"There's a growing desire of Arab Americans to identify with their beritage," said Faris Bouhafa, spokesman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, a civil rights and lobbying

For too long Arabs were "stereotyped and tainted in this country. Now we're pointing to our past with pride, teaching our children Arabic," he said.
But in addition to providing a

morale boost to the Arah American community, its leaders hope their newly found political seccesses will belp change what they view as a skewed U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Sununu and Mitchell "will be less susceptible to the heavybanded tactics" of the pro-Israel lobby, said Bouhafa. And another Arah American, who preferred to remain anonymous. predicted that both men would give better access to pro-Arah

### LETTERS

## **Domestic cause**

To the Editor:

"RUMOURS" have it that the work permit for foreign labourers will become JD 500 per annum as of next year, and who knows what will come next.

As the country is trying to fight and find solutions for problems, a very important one is the question of "housemaids from overseas". The government bas all the right to take any step it wishes to protect the interest of the country, but at the same time it should offer alternatives.

Not all of us women of Jordan employ housemaids for the pleasure of being free to go to morning coffee, but many of us hold jobs and have also to entertain

and go out at night for the benefit of our jobs. Thus the most important part of needing a housemaid is baby-sitting for those of us who have small children.

A suggested idea would be to open an "Employment Bureau" for hired help; it should be established by the government with set wages for full time, part time or just for bahy sitting (day or

Work is no shame and as the saying goes in French "Il n'y a pas de sot metier". But people in Jordan don't go for house work because this is not regulated and no protection by the government is guaranteed.

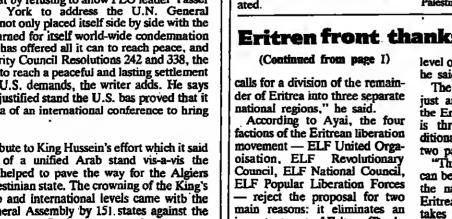
I am sure that if the government opened an employment Amman.

bureau in every district it would see the success this would have and the work it would generate for local citizens. Hired belpers will feel secure that they will be getting their lightful dues and Jordanian women will feel very happy indeed to be able at last to bring up their children by women from the same background and not subject our children to different cultures every few years as has been the case so far.

I hope and pray my idea would appeal to the government and very soon we'll see "Hired Help Employment Bureau's" mushrooming all over Jordan.

Mrs. N.S. Khoury





important part of Eritrea (Dankalia province, considered strategic, being major part of the Eritrean coast on the Red Sea and overlooks Bab Al Mandeb); and it divides the Eritrean land and people - a factor which "sup-

identity.' "We consider the proposal put forward by Ethiopia as unpalatable because it is drawn np in a way that serves the interests of Ethiopia and ... does not represent the minimum ecceptable

presses the distinctive Entrean

level of Eritrean national rights,'

The ideal method of reaching a just and peaceful settlement of the Eritrean problem, Ayai said, is through direct and unconditional negotiations between the

two parties. "Through dialogue, a solution can be reached, one which meets the national aspirations of the Eritrean people and one which takes into consideration the active interests of Ethiopia," he

With regard to unity on the Eritrean front, Ayai said there were "positive developments." The four factions agree to a joint 'unity charter" and work plan on the political, military, informa-

The ELF-UO is seeking Arab support for the Ertrean cause with a view to convincing Ethiopia to agree to a negotiated

Israeli conflict in all its aspects. The presence of the permanent members of the Security Council is vital for the attainment of a comprehensive peace, as well as to provide the necessary security guarantees that will be

"The remaining major regional conflict that urgently needs the attention of the international community lies in the region we one of the most volatile threats to

King urges world action for Mideast peace

"The international community has been clear on the requirements for the achievement of a just and durable solution to the conflict, Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 were unanimously agreed as constituting the basis for such a solution. Essentially, they require Israel to withdraw from all the Arab territories it occupied in June 1967 in return for peace. They delineate rights and nbligations with regard to both the Arabs and Israelis, so that the terms for peace

are mutual and balanced.
"Since both resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations, we are convinced that the only way to proceed is through the convening of an international peace conference on the

"The aim will be to agree on ways and means to implement, in full and in good faith, all the provisions of the resolutions, and to resolve the Palestinian problem and the Arab-

## **Eritren front thanks Jordan**

tion and popular levels, Ayai

needed for the proper implementa-tion of the negotiated settlement.
"They are the authors of the resolutions. They have an interest and a moral responsibility to help all the parties to the conflict to attain an settlement, thus diffus

global peace. "Since the Palestinian problem lies at the core of this conflict, the Palestimans must be directly involved in resolving the problem. Palestinian legitimate rights must be addressed and accommodated. The Palestinian people should be given the opportunity to exercise their right to selfdetermination on Palestinian soil cur-

rently under Israeli occupation. "We, in Jordan, have worked hard and long for peace. I was personally involved in the deliberations preceding the adoption of Security Council Resolution 242. I was assured by the American administration at that time that it would be implemented within six months. We have persevered in our efforts to have the resolution

implemented ever since.
"Since Israel was clearly bent on ignoring the Palestinian dimension of the conflict, we decided, last July, to disengage ourselves from the legal and administrative association which we had had with the occupied West Bank for the last 38 years.

"Our decision, which was consis-tent with expressed Arab and Palestinian wishes, was primarily aimed at bringing about the universal recogni-tion of the fact that the Palestinian problem is the root cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Israel must be persuaded to recognise this fact and reappraise its policies which have only brought it and the entire region tragic wars and continued strife. The peace and security it professed to seek bave chuded it because Israel denied the peoples of the region the very same rights it sought for itself. We believe that the international community is called upon to prevail on that country to recognise that its approach to the problem is neither feasible nor tenable. If its military strength has rendered disdainful of the basic truism that others have legitimate concerns and rightful aspirations which are to be recog and accommodated, the world surely has the responsibility of impressi on Israel that it will not tolerate situation that has a potentially destructive effect on regional, and in-

deed, international stability. "It is a sitution rendered more untenable with each passing day. Not only has Israel frustrated all efforts

## Solar energy in Jordan the economic arguments

By John West Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The scientists, husinessmen and officials involved in one of Jordan's most dynamic industries face one, universal, ubiquitous query wherever they go - solar energy in an Arah country? For many, it seems, the Middle East is indissolubly linked to that dark treacly substance which has played so great a role in shaping world history over the past two decades

Yet solar energy makes sense for an oilless country like Jordan. Solar energy promotes self-reliance, and can be highly efficient in cutting costs in remote areas, where laying miles of cahles to link up with the national grid can escalate prices to unacceptable levels. In the cities, once installafion costs have been recovered, it considerably reduces each family's energy bill and raises their standard of living. By reducing the nation's overall energy bill, it also lessens the flow of currency out of the Kingdom.

The industry began in Jordan in 1973, and now encompasses some 8 companies. The Royal Scientifie Society has also estabhlished a Solar Research Centre, with a budget of JD 1 million a year, currently engaged in applied research in both solar and wind energy. Compared to the rest of the Arah World, Jordan's industry is advanced, but executives from both the companies, the RSS, and the Ministry of Energy see the potential as underexploited. Why not, they argue, bave a solar heating appliance in every housebuld in the

This might, at first sight, seem to be the typical enthusiasm of experts for their specialty, untrammeled by the sordid realities of costs, alternative costs, and possible drawbacks. Even a brief look at the figures, however, standard of living of Jordanian proves such mistrust tn he mis-

Oo the technological side, solar energy is light and not heat based. This means that in Jordan appliances on the market are fully effective 300 days a year, and not just in summer. Further, current equipment picks up diffuse as well as direct radiation, making it usable on cloudy as well as sunny days. Many traditional majotenance problems are also heing overcome by technological advances. The use of EPDM (Ethylene, Propylene, Diamine, Monomer) allows "force fit" panels to be constructed, which rely much less on insulation to retain the energy captured. Damage to the glass panels, and decrease of efficiency have dogged solar appliances in the past. EPDM also allows much greater flexibility of design, enabling much greater areas of panelling to be fitted in a given area. The Intercontinental Hotel, for example, has a swimming pool which is heated hy solar panels some 90 metres square,

Durability remains the key area of uncertainty. RSS experts estimate a life span of only 5 years, with an annual decrease in the efficiency of 15 per cent, for the "average" solar water heater currently available. The discrepancy, however, in standards of technology hetween one appliance and another can be considerable. The better-made units may be expected to last at least 5 and up to 10 years. It is also unclear to what extent corrosion is affected by maltreatment, failure to clean panels of their accumulated sulphur deposits etc.

On the micro level, solar-heated water is instantly available, with no wait for immersion heaters on boiling puts on the stove. It is also, vitally, cheaper — free once the cost of installment has been recovered - raising the consumers, boosting their buying

power and therefore also iodirectly benefitting Jordanian in-

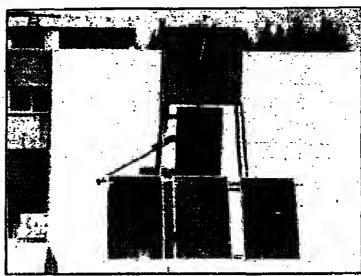
Prices in the industry come out at roughly JD 1.2/litre/day: In other words, if a family of six need 250 litres of water a day. ample for all cooking and sanitary needs, the cost of installment would be about JD 300.

Solar-heating therefore, obviously has possibilities right across the social and economic spectrum, but suffers from the fact that high initial investment deters many potential customers.

To combat this, some companies have begun innovative marketing policies, accepting payment by installment over periods of up to 27 months. Edward Hanania, chairman of Arab Solar Industries Company (ASIC), which, founded in 1973, is the oldest company in the industry, claims that these policies have been a great success. and that large numbers of appliances bave been sold in lowincome areas. The cheapest unit. costing JD 100, has monthly instailments of JD 5.

Asked if the company sometimes experienced difficulties in recovering its dehts, he replied somewhat laconically 'well, we bave a very good collection team." Out of 106 employees in the company, 8 are employed in collecting payments, with the help of 3 lawyers. As in Europe or America, the company follows graduated process of chasing down its debtors. A simple data base system brings up the accounts of customers and sends out bills on the same day of each month, after which failure to pay automatically brings up their file again. On the first failure, the customer receives a courtesy phone call. On the second, bu receives a letter. On the third, he receives the threat of legal action.

In the four years that this policy has been running, only ten



A typical solar energy unit on top of a Amman house (File photo)

cases have actually reached the million a year. staged of fully-fledged court ver-dicts, all of which ASIC has won. Hanania estimates that the extra costs of the installments marketing system are around 2 per cent (which of course becomes factored in to the price of the product), whereas potential markets are, at a conservative estimate, doubled. The solar industry is thus proving itself to be novel in more ways than one, as commercial credit is still a rarity in the Kingdom, even in the purchase of capital goods or cost-cutting items.

Yet the process chuld be accelerated. On a visit to Amman last year, Dr. Lorena Jarass, Professor of Management Studies at Wiesbaden University in Germany, recommended on behalf of European Commission that the Jordan Electricity Authority get involved in debt collection. By simply adding loan install-ments to regular bills for customers who have bought solar units the JEA could collect the debt and receive a commission from the solar companies. An economy of scale would be achieved, by which firms would not need to set up their own collection departments, and customers would be less likely to default on loans being managed by a respected gnvernment agency.

Dr. Rizeq Ta'ani, Director of the Royal Scientific Society's Solar Research Centre, is among those who would like to see increased government activity in the solar energy industry, and is particularly keen to see customer loan financing supported. The economic arguments to support his case are impressive.

Dr. Ali Anani and Faisal Abu Allan, in a report on the potential of renewable eoergy sources they wrote for the Ministry of Energy late last year, calculated that the 100,000 solar water heaters (SWH) aiready installed (representing 27 per cent of the total market of 370,000 Jordanian households), have already cut national fuel consumption by 2 per cent. Appliances currently installed save 62,500 Tons of Oil Equivalent (TOE, or the amount of energy, in any form, that would be derived from a too of oil). With oil standing at \$12.75 a barrel, and a ton being 50 barrels, tntal savings in fuel consumption so far equal just under JD 20

Suppose that as from tomorrow an investor loaned the funds to every household who wished to buy a solar appliance, and that half of those currently without them took up the offer. If installation costs averaged JD 300, the JD 40.5m investment made in providing the 135,000 horrowers with solar water bearing would be equalled in eighteen months by savings in fuel imports. Thereafter, Jordan's energy hill, all paid in foreign currency, would drop by over \$50 million a year directly as a result of this investment. Using ordinary commercial terms for loan repayment, the investment itself would be recovered, with appreciation, in two years. These estimates are conservative, both in the possible scope of the scheme, and the efficiency of the appliances. If indeed every house in Jordan were fitted with solar water beaters, annual saviogs in foreign exchange would top \$150

The halance sheet advantages of solar energy therefore, even in its simplest and earliest application, water heating, are obvious, both for the individual and the nation as a whole. But Dr. Ta'ani and others are adamant that economic aspects are not the only, or eveo the chief benefits of solar energy. "If you look only at profit and loss statements, you miss whole dimensions — the environmental, the social, the hygienic." Still on the ecocomic aspects, however, it is worth noting that

the benefits conferred do not fall equally across all levels of society, but rather are weighted towards low income and rural families. The provision of hot water where there is little or none is a greater beoefit than the simple substitution of cheaper sources where facilities already exist, and any customer loan scheme would naturally focus on low income families. Solar energy will thus give an economic boost to those who most need it, and the income liberated will be concentrated io the huying of other oecessities rather than frittered oo luxuries. Solar energy's contribution to the economy as a whole is greater than simply the amount of money

But, as Dr. Ta'ani says, solar energy should not just be thought of in economic terms.

# Mineral content in honey focus of study

RIYADH - Preliminary results ty and ingredients of various samples the maltose percentage types of imported honey in Saudi was 3.3 per cent while other Arabian markets have shown a samples bad nn content at all. concentrated percentage of aluminum and a sizeable amount of lead. Such concentrations are not found in natural honey which is human hody.

The study highlighted varianons in the types of imported hooey and suggested that some of them could be a blend of natural honey, sugar and water. Others are produced by bees living on artificial food like white flour and sugar. This affects quality

Dr. Jaber Salim Musa is conducting the study in association with Dr. Siham Al Hawari. Both teach at the drugs department of the girls' branch of King Saud University. They said 16 honey products were used in the study. The first step was to determine the sugar types found in these samples and compare this with the sugar contained in natural honey. An advanced technique known as chromatography, a pro-cess of separating a solution of closely related components, was applied. The study maintains that varia-

tions revealed by chromatography allow comparison of the different types of sugar found in the honey now sold in markets with those available in natural hooey. For instance, the percentage of dextrose varies between 12 per cent to 30.4 per cent in boney samples while in natural boney it is never less than 25 per cent, Dr. Musa said, Frutcose (fruit sugar) ranged from 23.2 per cen to 41.5 per cent. The percentage in natural hnoey is always 30 per cent or more.

The presence of sucrose in large quantities in honey oow on sale is considered adulteration of natural honey. Tests conducted so far indicate that in all honey

types covered by the study, sucin natural honey it is between 0.1 The percentage in pure honey should not exceed 1 per cent.

Dr. Musa said part two of the study, now in progress, is meant rich in other minerals vital to the to determine the types of minerals found in the various brands of honey to compare them with in colour is usually preserved for those available in natural honey. consumption. Minerals are important to the human body and its growth, he stressed. For mineral analysis a

> been detected and aluminum and calcium form the largest concentration. Others include smaller concentrations of calcium, potassium, sodium, nickel, iron and minerals (0.0004 to 0.004) cobalt, copper, lead and zinc. Dr. Musa said same samples contain large quantities of some minerals which sometimes come to 161 parts per million while others have no trace of such minerals.

linked to the origin of the imported honey and more studies are underway to secure accurate information and determine how variations could take place. Minerals add nutritinnal value to the honey sold here if their concentration is the same as that found in natural honey. They have a direct effect on the comnervous system and body growth in general.

The next part of the study al tests to compare the ingredients of natural hnney with honey from known sources. Next will said. be a standard specification for natural and the study of other treatment of many diseases iningredients such as proteins, aminn acids, vitamins, fragrance and wounds, hurns, stomach ulcers, colouring which indicate the kidney and eye infections, insomtypes of flowers on which the hees originally fed.

Dr. Musa claims the aim of the rose content is 5.2 per cent while study is to discover any added materials and determine the deof a study to determine the quali- per cent and 3.5 per cent. In some gree of purity of the types of honey found in shops as compared to the natural product.

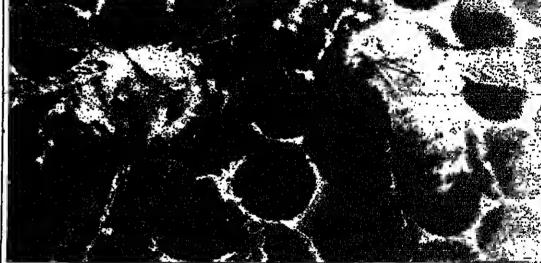
There are two types of honey he said. The first is brown or hlack in colour and this depends on the type of flowers on which bees fed. Dark honeys are usually used for medication purposes. The second type, which is lighter

He highlighted the medicinal qualities of honey mentioned in the Holy Koran and the Hadeth nuclear absorption device is being of the Prophet Mohammad and said natural honey is usually com-So far many minerals have posed of glucose 31.5 to 36 per cent, frutcose (42 to 40), maltose (5.4), sucrose (0.1 to 5.7), water (16 to 24), proteins (0.17 to 0.5), organic acid (0.06 to 0.08) and

Minerals present in honey are potasium, calcium, phosphate, sodium, iron, cohalt, zinc, magnesium and sulphur. Vitamins present include vitamin A. B. B2. B6 and vitamin K along with He said this variation could be amino acids.

Honeycomb, a jellylike substance very rich in nutritional and healing qualities, is extracted from the saliva of bees which use it to feed their queen. This amazing food is believed to be the secret behind the long life of the queen bee which lives for six years and lays thousands of eggs while ordinary bees live no longer position of blood, body cells, the than a few months. Honevcomb is composed of proteins (45.15 per cent), fats (13.55 per cent), sugar (20.29 per cent), vitamins envisages preparation of analytic- (3 per cent) and some hormones able to activate the reproductive organs of the queen. Dr. Musa

> Natural honcy is used in the cluding anemia, nickets, festering nia and alcohol toxication. It is also used to cosmetic product.



In industrialised countries mineral contents of honey is thought to be high

## In Sweden anyone can read the prme minister's mail

By Eva Janzon

STOCKHOLM, Swedeo (AP) -In Sweden, everybody can walk into the prime minister's office and look through his mail. They can also peek into government records and find out a lot about your neighbour, from his salary to his dehts.

As a matter of policy, government records have been open to the public since 1766, when a political party known as the Caps ousted the rival Hats from government in an election fought over charges that the Hats were keeping too much secret.

Now, in the era of the ubiquitous computer and prohing media, some Swedes complain about an invasion of privacy. Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson

is not one of them. Of 5,577 documents which crossed his desk during the first 10 months of this year, only 109 were classified. The majority were internal memos and correspondence with foreign governments.

Vivianne Eriksson, who registers the mail and indexes the documents on computer, said not many people take advantage of the privilege of going through Carlsson's mail.

She estimated that no more than one visitor a week, usually a journalist, came into her office for a look. "I suppose most people doo't know they can come here," she said in an interview.

Leafing through the computer index, a reporter found subjects ranging from theories about who murdered Carlsson's predecessor, Olof Palme, to requests for an autograph.

Other letters were appeals for political asylum and complaints about pollution or the hunting of moose. This entry was from Maj-Britt Hedlund of Boden: "Wants a new kitchen and to fiod Palme's

killer. A letter of thanks to Walid Jumblatt, leader of Lebanon's Druse community, was classified "secret." So was a letter from

on nuclear disarmament. Memos oo military subjects and on trips

not limited to authorities. The highly developed Swedish hureaucracy has numbered, registered, compiled and processed information about the citizenry. most of which is open to the

"Every Swedish resident has a 10-digit "personal number," which begins with the birthday. Knowiog your neighbour's date of birth is enough to gain access to his file at the National Taxanon Board which lists his or her income and tax from the previous year, his or her church membership, marital status and current address.

If you take that oumber to the country police, you can find out if he or she has any unpaid hills and how much he or she owes. Other registers list his or her education, state of health and their hobbies if they are members of an associa-

Such disregard for privacy has been accepted as a price for keeping people honest in a society that strives for equality among its citizens. But hundreds of people complain every year that authorities and private companies abuse public records.

Such complaints come to data inspection, a 40-man department of the justice ministry which monitors compliance with the regulations governing access toformation and privacy.

One common complaint comes from people bombarded by junk mail whose names companies obtained from government records. In some cases, advertiser paid government offices to compile mailing lists, said Leif Stenstrom, an official at the depart-

The department was set up in 1973 when the government instituted a law to guard against misuse of the personal number, criminal files are restricted, as are

U.S. President Rnnald Reagan files about cases of serious social problems. Further efforts to limit access

abroad by government members also bore the stamp of secrecy. have failed to find the right halance between the public's right The principle of public access is to know and the protection of privacy. Stenstrom said.

"There's been a U-turn," said Stenstrom. "From enabling the common man to control the authorities, you could say (free access) now helps the authorities to control the common man."

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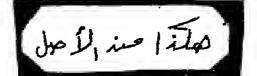


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## EC pledges no 'fortress Europe'

RHODES, Greece (R) -- European Community (EC) leaders called Saturday for closer links with East Bloc countries and promised the United States, Japan and the Third World that they would not create a protectionist "fortress Europe."

The leaders ended a two-day summit on the Greek island of Rhodes, where the friendly atmosphere failed to disguise deep differences on Middle East policy and on the EC's plans to weld its 12 economies into a giant single market after 1992.

But they did agree a joint declaration on policy towards the rest of the world up to and after 1992 which sought to allay fears voiced in the United States and - elsewhere that the new EC will be

a protectionisi bloc. 1992 Europe will be a partner and not a 'fortress Europe'." it

On East-West relations the Council (summit) reaffirms its determination to act with re-- newed hope to overcome the division of our continent and to promote the Western-values and principles which (EC) member states bave in common," it

The statement referred specifically to the importance of EC relations with Japan and the United States, the other economic superpowers. And it said the summit recognised the need to help solve the Third World debl

Chancellor Helmui Kohl of West Germany predicted that EC summits in Madrid next June and in Paris a year from now would be much tougher than the Rhodes

Arguments over harmonising EC taxes monetary and social policy will come to a head next

"It's clear to everybody discussions at the Madrid and Paris summits will not as relaxed as this one," Konl told a news confer-

British Frime Minister Margaret Thatcher fold a news confevence that she signalled an impending clash with President Erançois Mitterrand over France's insistence that EC tax must be barmonised before the Community abolishes remaining

France taxes investment income strictly and fears a flight of capital when money is free to move after the middle of 1990. was a priority for next year. "It is not a view which many of us share," Thatcher said, recalling that Britain bad abolished its controls in 1979.

"I don't regard Community decisions on tax rates as necessary to complete the internal market.

Mitterrand told a separate news conference that France regarded measures to harmonise lax treatment of savings --Mitterrand said EC legislation perbaps through an EC-wide

income - as part of the agreement to end exchange controls. although there is no legally-binding link between the two.

"When you apply an accord, you apply it in its entirety," he

Thatcher also repeated that the fight against terrorism, crime and drug traffickers meant that the Community could not abolish all its border controls after 1992 if there were no effective alternative controls.

## Survey estimates OPEC's oil output at 22.55m barrels a day

age crude oil production in November is estimated at 22.55 million barrels daily, up from the previous month's 21.7 million and four million barrels higher than the oil group's 1989 target, a Reuter survey shows.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPECs') oil ministers Monday signed an agreement in Vienna to limit total output to 18.5 million barrels daily in the first balf of 1989. Several bave since said output will decline before the agreement

comes into force Jan. 1. The November rise was mainly due to a 650,000 barrels daily increase in Saudi Arabian output from October to an estimated 6.5 million. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) pumped 100,000 oured.

more at 2.0 million barrels daily. OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman said there would be a "gradual reduction" in total OPEC output throughout December to reach the new agreement's target of 18.5 million barrels daily in January

Saudi Minister Hisham Nazer told the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) newsletter last week: "There will be a concerted effort on the part of all members to try to minimise overproduction in December, short of getting into legal problems with customers

The Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah bas said his country would balt spot crude sales in December, although existing contracts would be bon-

"There is always the normal additional spot sales during the month. These would not be pursued but contracts already signed will be honoured," he said.

At 6.5 million barrels daily, Saudi Arabia's November average was running more than two million barrels above its official 4.343 million barrels daily OPEC production quota. Riyadh is widely believed to bave exceeded its own limit in recent months to force other OPEC members to curb persistently high output, stick to quotas and boost spot

In early October, a Saudi cabinet statement said the kingdom would "not freeze its production while dthers increase."

## **OECD** urges U.K. to halt decline in aid to poor states

PARIS (R) — Britain should give more aid to the Third World and reverse a decline in its aid programme, the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Friday.

The OECD's Development Assistance Committee said in a statement that it had urged Britain to change its aid policy "in view of the urgent aid needs of many low-income countries in Africa and Asia.

It stated: "The committee firmly believes that the time has come to reverse the downward trend."

The statement, which follows a meeting Thursday to examine British aid, added that the volume of British aid had declined in real terms during much of the 1980s and was now "considerably below average." Britam, as a member of the aid

committee of the OECD, a 24nation economic think-tank, is committed to giving 0.7 per cent of its gross national product (GNP) in development assistance aid, the statement said.

But British aid fell to 0.28 per cent in 1987 from 0.31 in 1986. Britain paid out a cash total of £1,138 million (\$1,865 million) in

The committee said Britain planned to increase its aid by 1g per cent in cash terms over the next three years. But it said this might not be enough to stop the decline in aid as a proportion of

## S. Korea announces capital market opening to foreigners

announced Friday a four-year plan for opening its securities market to direct foreign invest-

ment in 1992. The plan also allows Koreans to invest in foreign stocks in 1992 to take advantage of the country's

bulging current account surplus. Because of fears of foreign domination of the market, the government now bans direct foreign investment in the capital market, although foreigners are allowed to make indirect investment through overseas Korea funds, beneficiary certificates and convertible bonds.

Officials said the government believes that the South Korean economy will develop enough strength by 1992 to be able to compete with foreign capital.

The finance ministry said foreign securities companies' equity shares in domestic securities companies will be doubled to 10 per cent in 1989 and that foreign securities companies will be allowed to open branches bere and set up new joint venture securities firms with Koreans.

Also next year, the issuance of overseas securities will be expanded and diversified to add bonds with warrant and depository receipts, the ministry said.

The plan also calls for the establishment in 1990 of a match-

ary certificates simultaneously at bome and abroad to invest proceeds from the sales m domestic and foreign stocks.

The ministry said foreigners possessing Korean convertible bonds, after exchanging them for stocks, will be allowed to sell their shares here in 1990 to reinvest in other Korean stocks.

The ministry officials said there will be ceilings on the amounts of stocks in which foreign investors can invest. The amounts were not specified.

They said the government targeted the opening of the securities market for direct foreign investment for 1992 in a belief that the South Korean economy would have developed strong enough by then to be able to compete with foreign capital.

The ministry noted South

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea ing fund which will sell benefici- Korea now enjoys substantial current account surpluses on strong exports and is liberalising its trade, bank interest rates and foreign exchange rates to meet

international standards. The moves come amid foreign pressure on South Korea to open up its capital market. The gradual opening of the securities market is intended to minimise possible foreign impact on the South Korean economy and stock market which officials said is still limited.

There are 496 companies currently listed on the Seoul Stock Exchange with a combined market value of their stocks estimated at 57.69 trillion won (\$84 billion), officials said.

They said Korean securities issued abroad reached \$445 million in face value, including the Korea funds.

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ı	Universal Insurance	11400	8175	1.160 0.740	1.150	1.000
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l	General Investments	_				
1	Inma for Investment and Financial Facilities	5216	3338	0.460	0.440	1.000
1	Darco for Housing and Investment	22391	13555	0.650	0.640	1.000
•	Real Estate Investment (Aqarco)	36406	18568	0.610 0.520	0.600	1.000
ļ	Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	11590	3620		0.500	1.000
П	Jordan Leasing Corporation	11390		0.330	0.310	1.000
l	Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	12451	71	0.560	0.530	1.000
	Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeerco	40000	2369	0.690	0.710	1.000
Н	tnernational Contracting & Investment	40000	10800	0.800	0.770	1.000
П	Jordanian Electric Power	21065	25024			1.000
П	Irbid District Electricity	21065	35934	1.750	1.710	1.000
П	Arab International Hotels	1225	1229	0.900	1.050	1.000
П	Hotels and Tourism	_	_	_	_	1.000
Н	Garage Owners Federation Office	2427 :	11126			1.000
1	Jordan National Shipping Lines	2477	11136	4.500	4.500	1.000
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П	Jordan Press and Publishing	100	200			1.000
1	Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	7581S	200	2.000	2.000	1.000
Н	Jordan Dairy	24160	47395 35304	0.640	0.620	1.000
П	Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	16650	25294	1.060	1.040	1.000
П	Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	47976	39223	2.340	2.350	1.000
Н	Jordan Phosphate Mines		65794	1.380	1.370	1.000
П	Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)	6016 47165	22805	3.760.	3.830	1.000
ı	Arab Chemical Detergent Industries		63774	1.340	1.320	1.000
П	Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	81 .	. 361	4.350	4.530	1.000
H	Jordan Sweets and Chocolate Manufacturing	_	_	_	_	1.000
l	Aladdin Industries	40900	55585			1.000
	Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	61154	122210	1.360	1.360	1.000
ı	Jordan Worsted Mills	3000	14340	1.990	2.020	1.000
Į	Jordan Ceramics	8720	13856	4.800	4.780	1.000
	_Chemical Industries	22649		1.610	1.610	1.000
	Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	13850	44685	1.960	1.970	1.000
1	Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	9385	9931	0.730	. 0.710	1.000
1	National Steel Industries		20357	2.220	2.160	1.000
1	Universal Chemical Industries	199907	581796	2.900	2.930	1.000
١	Canani Mining	69434	135924	1.990	1.950	5.000
ı	General Mining	78	117	1.450	1.500	1.000
ı	Jordan Petroleum Refinery		41780	8.520	8.500	1.000
ŀ	Jordan Lime & Brick	69225	15507	0.230	0.220	1.000
1	National Industries	28050	12924	0.480	0.450	1.000
1	Arab Paper Converting and Trading	11500	3745	0.320	0.330	1.000
ı	Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	21828	35230	1.640	1.620	1,000
Į	Livestock and Poultry	5010	3607	0.730	0.720	
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ı	Trans-Jordan Minerals Research	17070	15279	0.850	0.850	1.000
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ı	Woolen Industries		- <del></del> -		<b>–</b> .	1.000
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ĺ	Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	10	160	15.250	16.000	1.000
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#### Alfonsin decries debt of developing nations UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Argentine President Raul Alfonmated at \$1.2 trilion at the end of Alfonsin told the General

sin said Friday that if developed nations want to encourage democracy in Latin America, they ought to provide debt relief so new democracies are not overthrown by tyrants.

"Unsatisfied expectations generate desperation, which always favours the adventures of the authoritarians. Tune and time again we bave told them that they shall not pass," he declared, calling on the developed nations to treatment of investment income aid fragile Latin American demo-veloping world, which was esti-recent U.S.-Soviet overtures.

Assembly that worldwide economic "interdependence has turned

the planet into a ship, in which some societies travel first class." But that privilege would be of little use if there is a bomb hidden below. We must defuse the bomb not only because it is a matter of justice, but also because it is in the concrete interest of everyone

to do so," said Alfonsin. Alfonsin's analogy referred to the enormous debt of the de-

He did not offer any specific

remedies for restructuring the debt. but said the developing nations and the rich ones must find a solution as a matter of justice and for practical reasons.

Alfonsin said a solution "will not imply shunning any of our own responsibilities or our national economic disciplines," but would involve bringing into economic talks the same spirit of cooperation exemplified by the

medium-sized and small countries have been crushed under the weight of servicing their debt, the drastic reduction in the prices of their primary goods that are their main exports, by an unjust international economic order, by discriminatory policies in foreign trade and by the absurd transference of capital to the more developed countries that results in a marshall plan in reverse," he said, referring to the U.S. programme that rebuilt Europe after World War II.

**British Steel** 

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attracts double

LONDON (AP) - The sale of

state-owned British Steel Plc was

"a tremendous success," as pri-

vate investors applied for more

than twice as many sbares as were offered in the £2.5 billion (\$4.6

billion) sell-off, the government

said Friday.

There bad been some nervous-

ness that the privatisation, the

first since the disastrous sale of

the government's one-third stake

in British Petroleum Co. Plc last

fall, might be threatened by re-

cent falls in stock prices on Lon-

## World labour body finds thriving second job economy in East Bloc

 GENEVA (R) — Six out of 10 "entrepreneurs." Hungarian workers have second Hethy said the secondary ecojobs or work privately on their nomy thrived on sbortages and 'own, and in Soviet cities the figure is estimated at four in 10, need was most acute - in agriculthe International Labour Orga-

nisation (1LO) said Friday.

East European communist authorities who hitherto ignored or persecuted people in "black" enterprises now realise the unoffi-· cial secondary economy is here to stay and grow, the ILO Information periodical publication said in

its December issue. " " It quoted Lajos Hethy, director - of the Hungarian Institute of Labour Research, as saying that as the Soviet concept of perestroika (economic restructuring) gained ground, officials realised that it was better to turn "black" workers into officially accepted

WASHINGTON (R) - The

U.S. unemployment rate rose

one-tenth of a percentage point in

November to 5.4 per cent, the government said Friday, but a

surge in new jobs pointed to a

The Labour Department said non-farm payroll jobs rose 463,000 in November compared

with 238,000 in October, a de-

velopment likely to increase

pressure on the Federal Reserve

Board to tighten credit and slow

the economy, possibly by soon

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current 6.5 per cent.

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He said the total turnover of the unofficial economy in the Soviet Union was estimated at \$145 billion a year. In Poland 2.8 million private farms covered four-fifths of cultivated land.

Construction of privately built accommodation ranged from 10 to 30 per cent in most communist countries, but accounted for 86 per cent in Hungary last year, he

"Private retail trade and catering are increasingly present everywhere. Inadequacies in the education system open up wide

Private forecasters had ex-

pected U.S. payroll employment

to rise by only 243,500, a figure

that would not necessarily bave

been strong enough to force the

"It confirmed the worst fears

Federal Reserve to tighten credit.

that the economy is overheating and that the Federal Reserve will

have to come down hard on the economic brakes," said Alfred

Goldman, technical market

analyst at A.G. Edwards and Co.

The dollar surged briefly and the bond market fell sharply im-

released, as traders took the news

Number of new jobs in U.S. surges

private lessons, particularly in reforms," be said. A separate article tion for university entrance examinations. Private medical practices are legal in several countries," be noted.

Hethy said this trend contradicted accepted values in communist states by setting indi-vidualsim, decentralisation and But it would be misleading to

view this as a move towards privatisation and entrepreneurship in the way these notions were understood in the "What we witness bere is an .

attempt to regulate the secondary economy since it is quite clear that the ostrich policy of the past

as a sign that the economy was

stronger than expected in

November, creating a risk of

stronger inflation. Later the dol-

lar gave up its gains.
The Wall Street stock market

slid at the opening, with the Dow Jones industrials losing 11 points

within a few minutes to 2,092, falling below the 2,100 mark.

fully examined by economists be-

cause it provides the first statistic-

al glimpse each month of bow the

economy is performing. The job

figures usually give a good idea of

how other important statistics will

Analysts are worried that the

continuing high rate of employ- per cent.

The employment report is care-

possibilities for teachers giving will not do at a time of economic A separate article said an ILO

consultant bad beloed in reviving Soviet consumer cooperatives whose operations had flagged in recent years. By last summer about half a

million workers were engaged in 34,000 Soviet cooperatives producing consumer goods and offermarket forces against collectiving services ranging from lourism ism, centralisation and planning. Consultant Dionysos Mavrogiannis belped draft a cooperatives law adopted last May,

The ILO said the cooperatives bad been so successful that individual members of cooperatives were earning several times the minimum wage, and it warned that this income disparity could

ment raises the potential for sbor-

The unemployment rate of 5.4

per cent was essentially un-

changed from a month earlier

with 6.6 million persons out of

work. For most of the year be-

tween 6.5 and 6.8 million persons have been looking for work. Bureau of Labour Statistics

Commissioner Janet Norwood

said, "their ability to find jobs

may be affected by geographic location, skill level, their wage

expectations and by possible dis-

bigher for black men at 11.2 per

cent than for all adult men at 4.8

Unemployment rates were

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tages in labour supply.

don's Stock Exchange. The stock market has fallen lead to social cleavages-

substantially since the sale was priced, dropping on fears about the effects on corporate profitability of higher British interest rates and the strong pound. . By late Thursday, the banks bandling the offering had re-ceived only around 300,000 ap-plications for shares, raising fears the offer would be undersub-

scribed when it closed at 10 a.m. (1000 GMT) Friday. But the banks said they received a late surge of applications. By late Friday evening, the banks bad counted close to

600,000 applications. As a result, the offering of shares was more than two times oversubscribed, prompting the government to cut the sbare

allocations for both British and overseas institutions. Private investors applied for over one billion British Steel sbares, more than double the 452 million shares on offer. The private offering represented 23 per cent of the two billion British Steel shares which the govern-

ment is selling. But the government now plans to allocate private investors 842 million shares, or 42 per cent of the total, by cutting the size of the portions which bad been provisionally placed with overseas and British institutions.

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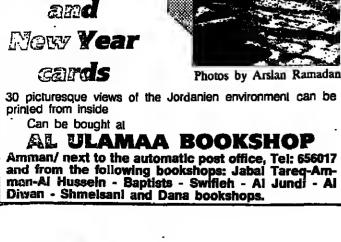
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## Iraq assures safety of international games

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq, ban- hostilities as a major threat to the ned from hosting international soccer matches during the Gulf war, is ready to guarantee the

The major sport daily, Al at matches in Baghdad. Ba'ath Al-Riyadhi, said Saturday that FIFA, as the World Soccer Iran and Iraq for such guarantees before it permits international football matches to resume in the two countries.

FIFA imposed the ban at the start of the 8-year war, citing the World Cup in Italy in 1990.

players. · A senior member of the Iraqi Football Federation said that Iraq safety of players playing here, a senior Iraqi official said Saturday. which assure FIFA that it can to guarantee the safety of all players "We have always told the

FIFA that we would guarantee Association is known, asked both the safety of all guest players during matches to be held here." said the official, speaking on coudition of anonymity.

Iraq will start next mooth its first matches in the run for the



Bright prespects: The Iraqi football team, one of the major challengers for this year'a Asian Cup, have now had home international matches secured by government assurances to FIFA.

## Leaders Norwich lose to Villa

DOHA (R) — Sandi Arabia were facing a tough challenge from

nine other teams Friday as it big

to keep the Asian Football Cup,

the continent's top soccer tourna-

South Korea and China are

among several other teams likely

secretary-general of the Asian

Soccer Federation. He said the

tournament could belp narrow

the gap between Asian and world

soccer standards. Saudi Arabia

drew I-I with England in a

friendly io Riyadh last mooth and

their squad, coached by Brazilian

Carlos Alberto Perreira, has pre-

pared hard for the 17-day tourna-

The Syrians were runners-up in

an Arab soccer tournament in

Amman earlier this year, being

beaten on a penalty shoot-out with Iraq, and could provide a

stiff test for the Saudis, who rely

heavily on the skills of striker

Majid Abdullah - known as the

Pele of the desert. Abdullah

scored a gem of a goal against

England and three in a recent

friendly against Malaysia, But de-

spite the challenge Saudi Arabia got off to a flying start in the

tournament with a convincing

LONDON (R) - Leaders Norwich and high-riding Millwall slumped to only their second defeats of the season Saturday as top challengers Arsenal and Liverpool prospered without joining the action.

the 58th

Norwich crashed 3-1 at Aston ted his seveoth goal of the season villa while Millwall conceded in the 42nd minute and helped set their first home defeat at the hands of fellow Londoners West Ham, who took all the points thanks to a first half strike hy Paul Ince.

Norwich stayed top with 29 points from 14 matches, but Arsenal could envisage the chance of overtaking them on goal difference if they beat Liver-

pool Sunday.

Norwich had won five of their six previous away encounters in the league and Villa had lost their last three league games, but two goals from Kevin Gage and one from David Platt overturned the form book.

Ince, who scored twice in West Ham's 4-I League Cup win over Liverpool on Wedoesday, maintained his sharp-shooting form, driving home in the 18th minute after Millwall goalkeeper Brian Horne had blocked a shot from Alan Dickens.

Arsenal and Liverpool did well to stay out of the Saturday action because the four other clubs in

the top six all lost.
While Norwich and Millwall faltered, Coventry and Southampton, fifth and sixth overnight, each lost 2-1 away, beaten respec-tively by Queen's Park Rangers and Winshledon. Millwall remained in third

place, five points behind Norwich, while West Ham, their conquerors, were still one from the foot of the table despite their morale-boosting win. In a dramatic encounter at the

other end of London, Queen's Park Rangers inflicted a 2-1 defeat on Coventry, who had defender Trevor Peake seot off oo the bour or a foul on Wayne Fereday. QPR were already 2-0 up at

that stage after former England tournament with a convi-forward Trevor Francis had net-

defender Paul Parker, who was stretchered off three minutes before Falco scored their second

Two players were sent off in the Second Divisioo clash between Stoke and Chelsea up the second for Mark Falco in Chelsea's Welsh international defender Peter Nicholas departing Coventry, down to 10 men, in the fifth minute for headbattled back and reduced the. hutting. Simon Stainrod and arrears when David Speedie, Stainrod himself dismissed in the pouncing on a poor goal-kick, 57th minute for his second bookdrove the hall back past goalable offence. Chelsea, unabashed keeper David Seaman in the 77th by the early expulsion, won 3-0.

S.Arabia begin title defence with Syrian win

the first 20 minntes before a

remarkable 30-yard goal by Salch

Al Mutalaq surprised everyone,

including his teammates, and set

the Saudis on course for victory.

The game should then have

Earlier QPR had lost England

Manchester United rediscovered winning ways after eight draws in their last oine winless league games, compounding the problems of struggling Charlton with a 3-0 victory at Old Trafford.

Ralph Milne opeoed the United tally midway through the first half, fellow Scot Brian McClair added the second I0 mmutes after the interval and Welsh goal of the season to complete the scoring in the 78th minute.

The sought-after second goal

game from a corner. The ball

seemed to be bouncing harmless-ly away when Mohammed Al

Suwaiyid popped uo from no-where to tuck it in the back of the

## **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

#### Wilander threatens Davis Cup boycott over TV ban

STOCKHOLM (R) - World number one Mats Wilander Friday threatened to boycott this month's Davis Cup final against West Germany if Swedish television failed to provide domestic coverage because of anti-apartheid pressures. Sweden's independent broadcasting council Thursday rebuked the state-chartered TV network for screening the Davis Cop semifinal against a French team which included members on the U.N. blacklist of players who have competed in South Africa. Domestic coverage of the final in Gothenburg from December.

#### Neck breaking win for broken neck Bin Sulayem

DUBAI (AP) — Mohammed Bin Sulayem Friday cruised to his third successive Middle East rally championship with an easy victory in front of his home crowd in the Emirates Dubai International Rally, the final stage of the 1988 regional series. Sulayem's nearest rival, Saeed Al-Hajri of Qatar, failed in his bid to snatch the championship crown he almost claimed this year, after losing a commanding lead during the first day of the two-day event. An electrical failure halted his Andi Quattro. Al Hajri dropped 12 places down the field. Despite brilliant driving throughout the second day which saw him claw back to sixth

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place, he was oot able to threaten Sulayem in the Emiratessupported Toyota Celica Turbo. Irish navigator Ronan Morgan was alongside Sulayem, who is a national of the United Arab Emirates. Sulayem's drove with his neck in a plaster cast less than two months after breaking a vertebrae in a road accident. "I couldn't give 100 per cent because my movement was limited," he said. "But I'm very pleased to win the Dubai rally again. It means

#### Swimmer's lost Olympic medals are . replaced

LOUISVILLE (AP) - U.S. swimmer Mary T. Meagher received an early Christmas present this week: replacements for the two Olympic gold medals lost last summer after they were put in the mail. Bud Tyler, a gray-bearded representative of the U.S. Postal Service's consumer-affairs department in Washington, D.C., presented the new medals to Meagher Thursday. "They look like the real thing," Meagher, 24, said of the medals. "I'm really glad to have them again. "They mean so much to me, not just the amount of work I put in, but they represent the efforts of all the people who got me to the Olympics." The original medals were lost after being sent air mail by her parents from Louisville to Boca Baton, Florida, where Meagher was attending a meet. She was to be photographed later in the week in Minneapolis as a promotion for Wheaties breakfast cereal and has asked to bring

#### Snow finally arrives at World Cup

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) - After days of uncertainty about the weather conditions, the snow finally came to this winter French resort. But there was nothing doubtful about the winner of the Women's first downhill World Cup race of the season. Michela Figini, the Swiss speedster who has made a habit of flashing down a mountainside faster than the rest, took the race Friday in convincing fashion. It brought memories of the way she dominated the downhills the last few years. The defending World Cup overall champion went through a steady snowfall to gain her 20th World Cup victory and 1Ith of her career. Figini, 22, won the 1984 Olympic and 1985 world title in the event. Last year, she took three of the eight downhill races on the circuit as well as taking her second overall crown. Her victory Friday oo the famed Oreiller-Killy course was the fourth straight for Swiss skiers this season since France's Carole Merle took the opening Women's Super Grand Statom.

### Men's Tennis Council plans 1990 tour

NEW YORK (AP) - The men's tennis council Thursday announced plans for a restructured 1990 tour designed to keep stars from defecting to a new player-run circuit. "We're hopeful that when the players look at this, they'll say it makes sense." MTC administrator Marshall Happer said. "I think we can all do better by working together." The ATP has been hattling for control of the sport with the Men's council which has governed he Grand Prix tour since 1974. T during the masters tournament at Madison Square Garden. The proposal includes many of the changes the players have been lohhying for, including: Increasing the players' representation on the council from 33 per cent to 50 per cent; Creating a new "mini-grand slam" made up of 14 one-million-dollar tourna-ments; Offering a total of 3.9 million dollars in signing bonuses to players who commit to the tour; Establishing a two-month off-season between the Masters and the Australian Opeo.

#### ...but professionals persist with counter plans

ATP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Hamilton Jordan outlined

#### come alive but settled into a dull net. Iran beat Oatar 2-0 in the midfield struggle as the Saudis opening match Friday. to mount a powerful challenge. The 10 teams are evenly balanced," said Peter Velappan,

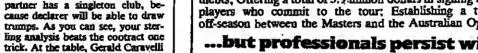
MELBOURNE (AP) — The Soviet Unioo, a rising tennis force, will be vying for its first win when the Women's Federation Cup starts Sunday. Despite the absence of most of the world's top players, a total of 37 nations will compete in the week-long teams event, to be staged at the National Tennis Center, site of the Australian Open. World No. I Steffi Graf is passing the 26th staging of the cup, saying she's too need after her highly successful year, which included winning the Grand Slam and an Olympic gold medal. Also missing the tournament will be No. 2 Martina Navratilova, Argentina's Gabtiela Sabitini, U.S. players Chris Evert and Pam Shriver and Bulgaria's Maleeva sisters, Manuela and Katerina. But even without the big tennis names, the competition is important to Moscow, said team coach Olga Morozova, a Wimhledon finalist in 1974. "Everyone at home will follow the results and the girls are proud to represent their countries in such events," Morozova said.

Soviets vylng to fill gap at tournament

The Syrians held their own for battled to keep the upper hand.

Soviet Pair wins world junior title

SARAJEVO (AP) - Evgenia Chernyshova and Dmitri Sukhanov of the Soviet Union won the pairs' figure skating gold medal Wednesday night at the Junior World Championships. East Germany's Angela Caspari and Marno Kreft finished second. Another Soviet pair, Irina Saifutdinova and Aleksei Tikhonov, came in third among nine pairs that competed.



NEW YORK (R) — The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Friday revealed its plans for a new global men's tour in 1990 that would shorten the current schedule and give players greater control over the circuit.

the plan that would mean a breakaway from the men's Tennis council (MTC) which has ruled the tour since 1974. "This is a partnership between the best tournaments in the world and the best players in the world," Jordan told a packed press conference. "We're going ahead — this is it" he said, with top-10 players Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, Andre Agassi, Stefan Edberg, Jakob Hlasec, Tim Mayotte and Henri Leconte seated next to the podium to show support. Features of the new tour included an off-season of about eight weeks, a reorganisation of the schedule to make better travel sense, and a one-week buffer before and after every Grand Slam championship and Davis Cup week. The circuit would be administered by an ATP tour policy board made up of four player representatives, four tournament directors and a CEO chosen by the other eight board members who votes only in

## Lendl's 'true grit' win stiffens contest

NEW YORK (Agencies) - Ivan Lendl, capitalising on his only service hreak, railied from the and more games. In fact, Lendl hrink of elimination to heat didn't have a single hreak point Andre Agassi 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 until the sixth game of the final Friday night and keep alive his set, which he won to take a 4-2 hid for a fourth straight Masters lead.

from losing the match when he fell behind 3-I in the tichreaker. contention and Agassi would But he fought hack for a victory that forces a mad scramble for the semifinal berths in the roundrobin tournament.. "I think I bring out the best in chance to make the semifinals s game," said Agassi, who is heading into the final day of

Lendl was four points away

now 0-3 lifetime against Lendl. "He doesn't want to get beat hy

"Today I was lucky to win the match," said Lendl, who acknowmatch," said Lendl, who acknow-ledged he was still feeling his way - and Tim Mayotte is 0-2. hack into top form.

Even though I'm hitting the ball well it's extremely frustrating out there, it's going to take time," he said. "I don't know if this will be the final straw to turn it around or not.'

Lendl came out on top even If Lendl had lost, he would have been eliminated from title

have clinched a semifinal spot with one round-robin match remaining. season-ending tournament bave a

round-robin competition. Lendl, Agassi, Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Henri Leconte all have I-I re-

Hlasek defeated Mayotte 7-5, 6-3 in the opening match Friday. night. Becker met Leconte in the

late match. Agassi played with machinelike precision in the first set,

making only three nnforced

errors even though he was hlasting the hall on almost every shot. But Lendl found his rhythm in

ning his share of the baseline rallies that both players prefer. Agassi, who has rocketed to no. 3 in the world this year, had three hreak points in the fourth game but Lendl saved them all and held with a service winner

the second set and started win-

Leodl showed his resilience Now, all eight players in the again in the tiehreaker when he tennis, said he was looking forrallied from a 3-I deficit to win the set. He closed out his sixpoint run with an ace, one of 12 he served in the match.

and an ace.

Hlasek, who upset Lendl Thursday night, continued his recent hot streak by beating Mayotte in 67 minutes.

"I came in here with nothing to lose, hut I had a lot of confidence," Hlasek said. "I think the other players are more scared of

me than I am of them." The Swiss star raced to a 3-0 lead in the first set, but Mayotte broke back in the fifth game and

they remained on serve until the final game, which Hlasek won with a perfectly placed loh. Hlasek got the only break of

the last set when Mayotte doublefaulted to lose the second game. "I think the key to the match was Tim was playing up and down and I was playing consistently," said Hlasek, who had split his two previous matches against.

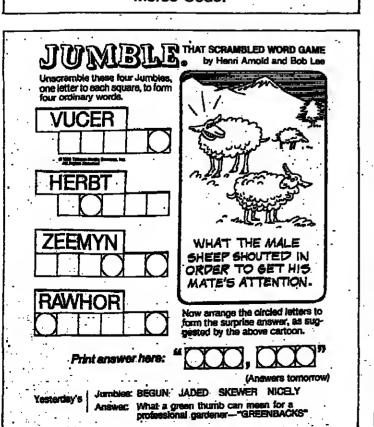
Mayotte. Hllasek, a fast-rising star in ward to the challenge of playing against Agassi, whose six tournament titles this year carned him the hooour of most improved

"Agassi is the newcomer of the year and ranked third in the world and I had a great finish," said the handsome Swiss whose two tournament victories and one runner-np finish over the last three weeks have made him

eighth in the world. "The two hottest players on the tour — it's going to be a great match.



When we're not on speaking terms, I just bang out my messages in Morse Code."



FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 1988

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: Exsting relationships may experience

new beginnings. Exotic adventure may be experienced. Insecurity and jealousy can surface where not expected. It is a day of tearing down and rebuilding through emotions.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The pace picks up after a slow start. It is easy to talk with people, Keep a parenting problem in check with firm and reasonable rules.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Household and family matters are tricky. Show your love, and avoid serious discussions. Open your bome to friends, and entertain. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You handle young people who challenge you. Eojoy your favorite amusements. Take time in the eve-

ning to plan your week.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make plans to improve the quality of life. In spite of a change of heart, keep the promises you have previously made to others.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Ang. 21) Cetch up on personal matters. Work on organization and improving your environment. Reflect on ecucational and financial matters VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have both feet on the ground today.

A lot can be accomplished. Discuss your future plans with your mate. Let nihers entertain you. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can find better ways to handle responsibilities. Put plans for in-

come protection in force. Avoid a drain on your finances. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can carva out your own

cooperate if you make your desires known. Beware of lack of direction. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are disturbed by the way in or her life. The expectations of others are causing friction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Trust your hunches, and let events occur freely. Be speculative, and abandon fron-fisted routines. Ease AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 A phone call may save a boring day. Lei friends enter your environm Entertain, but go easy, and get the rest which you need. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)

Don't make hasty decisions in the morning. Plans may change. You are sensitive, sensual, creative and in a good mood. Let things happen.

Peanuts



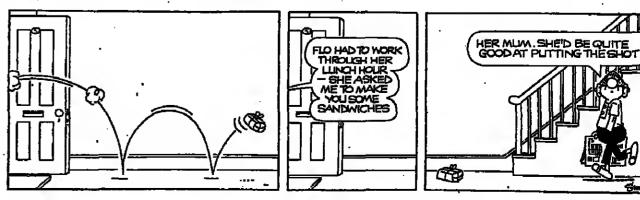




### Mutt'n' Jeff



### **Andy Capp**



## Bhutto declares prisoner amnesty

ISLAMABAD (R) --- Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto announced an amnesty for political and other prisoners Saturday and pledged to maintain Pakistan's policy towards war-torn Afghanistan.

Bhutto, holding her first news conference since being sworn in as prime minister Friday, also announced plans for a new narcotics ministry and said she would name her cahinet later Saturday...

Bhutto, 35, said she wanted to retain veteran Foreign Minister Sahahzada Yaquh Khan and she named a young Lahore lawyer. Aitzaz Ahsan, as law minister.

Yaquh Khan 66 was appointed foreign minister in 1982 by Bhutto's foe, military president Mohammad Zia-Ul-Haq who was killed in a plane crash in August.

The amnesty she announced

A former army general who speaks several languages, he has steered clear of any overtly political role and is widely respected

Bhutto said it was.up to the opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance, to which Yaqub Khan belongs, to permit him to stay on. The news conference was held

in and outside Pakistan.

at the prime minister's secretariat near Islamahad, a few hundred metres from the jail where Bhutto's father. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was hanged in 1979 on Zia's orders.

life imprisonment, freed all women prisoners except those convicted of murder and quashed many categories of sentence handed down by Zia's military

Ahsan said about 1,000 people would be released and several thousand would have their terms

Martial law sentences handed down in absentia were quashed, although defendants would have to face trial on any substantive charges. This would affect Bhutto's exiled hrother Murtaza, sentenced in absentia in connection with a plane hijack in 1981.

Bhutto, the first woman elected to govern a Muslim country, stressed repeatedly that her government would seek continui-

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tan and looked forward to the to tackling the drugs question. "It end of the Soviet troop withdrawal next February.

"We hope that a representative destroyed by narcotics." government there will provide stability so that three million rego back to their own country." she said. "For us the refugee question is very important." Pakistan is host to Afghanis-

tan's anti-communist rebels, who were due to begin their first substantive peace negotiations with the Soviet Union in Saudi Arabia this weekend. Bhutto also reiterated that she

wanted closer relations with the United States, saying: "We have appreciated their moral support for the restoration of demo-

is a question of the youth of Pakistan, I have seen families

The wild mountain areas on both sides of the Pakistan-Afghafugees who are on Pakistani soil- nistan frontier are one of the world's main sources of heroinand Pakistan has one of the highest addiction levels.

· On the economic front, Bhutto said she had not yet had time to study an International Monetary Fund (IMF) restructuring facility worth some \$800 million negotiated by the outgoing government.

One option was to try to delay the deal until June, she said. "Alternatively, as our hands and feet have already been bound, let this be the last legacy of the last

## Search continues for missing in Bangladesh

from Duhlarchar Island, 100 kilnmetres from the coast, and grove forest in South Asia, offi-

"We strongly feel that many ary estimates. people including fishermen and wood-cutters may be trapped in

areas were swept by five-metre tidal waves spawned by the 165 kilometres per bour storm which

fear the death toll could rise to

5,000 when reports from remote islands come in. The cyclone also damaged rice could have been swept into the, and other crops over more than Sunderbans, the biggest man-. 5,000 square kilometres and made up to two million people homeless, according to prelimin-

The new calamity battered the poor country of 110 million peo-

ple as it struggled to recover from devastating floods that killed 3,000 people in August and September.

### ladeshis believed swept to sea ur roared in off the Bay of Bengal trapped among the tangled roots Tnesday night. of a mangrove forest when a Unofficial sources put the total of a mangrove forest when a

cyclooe battered the south of the number missing at more than country, killing at least 900 15,000 and relief officials say they country, killing at least 900 About 2.000 of the missing are

cials said

the forest," said one.

The Sunderbans and nearby

Roh regrets 1980 firings possibility of restoring the victims

servants said in a statement; "This is not a solution to genuine-ly liquidating (Chun's) difth republic but a mere makeshift designed to gloss over basic prob-

### left the infantry school early Saturday and told the private news agency Noticias Argentinos that "a truce of several

of loyal forces who surrounded

the rebels at the infantry

Roman Catholic Priest Luis

lardin, who calimed to be a troops surrounded by loyal personal friend of Seineldia, forces at a giant military base. Although the government said late Friday night that the uprising had been overcome, okesmen for rebel leader Colonel Mohammad All Seineldin days" had been agreed upon by the rebels and army chief of insisted that the rebels had staff Gen. Jose Caridi. agreed on a truce but had not "Seineldin has not surren

Alfonsin confronts

military rebellion

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Raul Alfon-

sin returned home Saturday to

confront a military rebellion by

more than 400 heavily-armed

surrendered.

and cahinet members.

Alfonsin returned at 10:31 a.m. (1231 GMT) from a threedered nor does he intend to," said Jardin. day trip to Mexico and the The army announced in a United States. He was flown hy

communique that cashiered helicopter to government house ieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico, in downtown Buenos Aires to who led two similar revolts in April 1987 and January 1988, had been transferred from a confer with military leaders At sprawling Camp de Mayo military prison at Magdalena, army base on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, talks continued between Seineldin and General 110 kilometres southeast of the capital, to a military unit

## Vietnamese pound Khmer Rouge bases

BANGKOK (AP) — International aid officials said Saturday they have made little progress in their efforts to reach Kampuchean refugees reported killed or injured as Kampuchea con-tinued to pound Khmer Rouge positions in Thailand.

Much of the shelling has been directed at an area just inside eastern Trat province, where the Khmer Rouge had herded some 7,000 refugees from the United Nations-aided camp of Ta Luan apparently to prepare to populate strategic areas of Kampuchea.

The shelling peaked in mid-November in the most intense cross-border bombardment since 1985. But even Tuesday, an aid official who visited Ta Luan and the Sok Sann camp nearby, said he heard "one shell a minute" crashing into the forested hills in the vicinity.

The communist Khmer Rouge has not sent any wounded people to medical facilities of the aid organisations, The Khmer Rouge slaughtered hundreds of now the largest guerrilla army opposing Vietnam's occupation of the country.

quoted sources at site eight, the quoted sources at site eight, the apparently contracted malaria at largest of four Khmer Rouge the new site, the official said.

border camps where the United Nations has access, as saying many of the wounded were taken northward to camp 85, a major Khmer Rouge military complex near site eight.

"There is a huge hospital there and it is full," the official said, speaking anonymously. "Nobody has been there but people say it has a capacity of 300 beds."

Aid officials had earlier quoted

sources at a KPNLF military base near the shelied area as saying there were up to 400 casualties. The KPNLF, or Khmer People's National Liberation Front, controls Sok Sann camp and is one of two non-communist guerrilla groups cominally allied with the Khmer Ronge. The shelling has driven some

3,000 of the refugees back to Ta Luan, but aid officials have not seen any apparent shelling vic-. tims among them. Most returned before the height of the bombard-Perhaps out of fear of the

Khmer Rouge, most of those who thousands of people when it ruled -returned "pretend not to know" Kampuchea in 1975-78, and is about possible casualties among the other refugees, the aid official

The aid official Saturday condition, although some

### Police shoo away the right man

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) Police answering a report that a man was holding his girlfriend hostage mistakenty surrounded the house next door, then shooed the man away when he tried to surrender, police and witnesses said. "I didn't now what was coming down," said the man, Jessie Cobb, 37. "I came ont and they started cussing me and told me to go back inside. I thought they were going to pull a 'Rambo' on me." Both he and his grilfriend, Joyce Gaines, said later that the incident was an argument that had been blown out of proportion. She denied that she told police by telephone that Cobb had a kmife, as police said later. No arrests were made. Police were called to the house Wednesday by a neighbour who said Cohb was holding Gaines there against her will. But because of a mixup, the police special operations team surrounded the house next door. When Cobb tried to surrender, officers frantically waived him back inside, thinking he was just a curious neighbour and telling him he was in danger.

#### China: Artifact at Sotheby's was stolen

NEW YORK (AP) - An ancient bronze vessel that was part of a lot to be anctioned in New York this week was stolen in June from a Chinese museum, said an official report from China. China's Interpol office notified its U.S. counterpart last week of the theft, and Chinese police met Monday with a U.S. embassy official to ask the U.S. government's belp in recovering the vessel. The ritual vessel, called a "dui," was to be auctioned at Sotheby's in New York Tuesday, China's Xinhua news agency said. But a Sotheby's spokesman in New York, Matthew Weighman, said the auction house withdrew the vessel from its Tuesday sale of fine Chinese ceramics and works of art" at least two weeks ago. He said Sotheby's was holding it. pending a resolution of the dispute between the owner and the Chinese government. Weigman said the owner had requested anonymity and that Sotheby's withdrew the artifact after receiving a description of the mssing museum piece from a representative of the Chinese government.

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## Few anti-apartheid activists gain freedom

JOHANNESBURG (R) - culation that the government may Opposition newspaper editor speed up a gradual release of Zwelakhe Sisulu emerged to a Mandela, 70. The authorities severely limited freedom Friday. have said they will move him His father Walter and generations of other black South African anti-apartheid campaigners remained in captivity.
"Thank God," Albertina Sisu-

lu said of her 37-year-old son's release after 720 days' detention the release of other political pris-

Walter Sisulu, 76, has been in jail since his 1964 conviction with African Nationalist Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela for plotting to overthrow white rule. Albertina Sisulu has herself been placed under virtual house

Friends say Zwelakhe Sisulu left 180 detainees - mostly school students - in his section of Diepkloof jail near Soweto. Law and Order Ministry officials said four or five other de-

tainees were released Friday including Fric Molohi, national coordinator of the influential leftist National Education Crisis Committee, who had been jailed

These releases prompted spe-

CAPE CANAVERAL. Florida

(AP) — The Atlantis astronauts

went about their secret husiness

high above earth Saturday, un-

seen and unheard by all but

ground controllers as they re-

to spy on the Soviet Union.

portedly deployed a satellite huilt

There was total silence on the

public space-to-ground radio link

as the five military men began their second — and by all accounts, husiest — day aloft in

"The crew of Atlantis is go for orbit operations," was the last word from mission control in

the satellite for deployment could

begin. Earlier, the U.S. Space Agency

postponed the flight Thursday,

hut found a momentary calm and launched Atlantis from Kennedy

Space Centre at 9:30 a.m. (1430 GMT), less than 90 seconds be-

fore the end of the three-hour

"Very clean, by the numbers,"

mission commentator Brian

Welch in Houston said after lif-

launch window.

hours after Friday's launch.

the space shuttle.

from a clinic where he is being treated for tuberculosis to a secure house and let his family join

However, they have placed such restrictions on ex-prisoners that Zwelakhe Sisulu asked a without trial. "I am hoping for, friend to tell a news conference: "He would have preferred to

remain in detention rather than leave under these conditions." Sisulu cannot speak to the press - still less resume running his paper, the Roman Catholic-

sponsored New Nation. He must report to police twice daily, keep a night curfew and refrain from most forms of political activity.

There was anti-apartheid protest Friday from 10 black councillors - accused by radicals of collaborating with Pretoria. They used a whites-only toilet and park in Boksburg near Johannesburg.

The far-right Conservative Party is reimposing such restrictions in Boksburg and about 60 other places where they won control in October's municipal elections.

Super-secrecy shrouds U.S. shuttle mission

> wards Air Force Base in Cali-Only military men are aboard Atlantis, serving under oavy Commander Robert L. Gibson,

will land. The only announce-

ment expected is a 24-hour notice

that Atlantis will return to Ed-

the commander. If pre-flight reports were correct, mission specialist Colonel Richard M. Mullane was to be at the controls of the shuttle's robot arm inside the shuttle cabin Saturday to boist the satellite out of the cargo bay, manoeuvre it over the side and release it when Atlantis is in a precise location

Houston, and that came four and position. With the lacrosse in an orbit The announcement meant the 385 kilometres high, Gibson and spaceship's cargo bay doors were pilot air force Lt. Col. Guy S. Gardner were to fly alongside the open and the task of preparing \$500-million satellite until ground controllers are certain it is working properly. If it is not, an effort waited out the same kind of may be made to retrieve it for fierce, high-altitude winds that

> After liftoff, the shuttle headed straight towards the north into an orbit that will take it much farther. north than most previous civilian flights. That appeared to confirm the orbit will take the satellite over the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, where it will be able to observe military operations through darkness or cloud cover.

toff. "The vehicle is in very clean Such information would be inshape. There are no systems problems whatsoever to report."

The air force, which has total command over the mission, has valuable for verifying Soviet arms control compliance. The satellite would also serve as a "radar eye" not announced the cargo and is for the new B-2 Stealth bomber, equally silent on when the shuttle according to reports.

return to earth.

### Chun, who seized power in a 1979 Putsch, stepped down in favour of democratically-elected

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar attacked Australia Friday for closing the Yugoslav consulate in Sydney and expelling its staff. He said Belgrade would

demand "satisfaction" for alleged breach of international diplomatic conventions. In an interview with Belgrade television, Loncar

described the Australian action as "harmful, drastic" and contrary

to the Vienna consular convention dealing with diplomatic status.

Loncar, however, announced no diplomatic retaliation against

Canberra. The Australian government Friday shut the Yuguslav

consulate in Sydney and ordered the staff expelled following a

diplomatic row over Yugoslavia's refusal to surrender a security

WASHINGTON (AP) - The State Department will allow

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega to visit the United Nations

Monday even though his visa application was filed too late for the

normal processing period, it was announced Friday. Privately, U.S. officials said Ortega plans to meet with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who will address the U.N. General Assembly

next week. State Department deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said visas were approved for Ortega, his wife, Rosarin, and his son,

Rafael, for travel Dec. 5. They will be accompanied by Ortega's

physician and 14 security guards. Oakley said their applications

Yugoslav minister blasts Australla

SEOUL (R) - President Roh Hwan on his path to the pres-Tae-Woo's government took another step towards shaking off the legacy of his predecessor's iron rule Saturday, apologising for the dismissal of thousands of South Korean civil servants in

DHAKA (R) — Rescuers sear-ched Saturday for 6,000 Bang-

1980 and offering compensation. Prime Minister Lee Hyun-Jae said in a statement the governmeet "profoundly regretted the unhappy move taken in the past era, which has inflicted deep mental injuries on victims and their relatives and caused great shock to officialdom."

Nearly 9,000 civil servants and members of state-run companies were sacked for alleged corruption and "lack of patriotism" by the army strongman Chun Doo

Roh in February. Chun's so-called "social purification campaign" also cost hundreds of reporters, military officers and university professors their

Government administration minister Kim Yong-Kap told a news conference all sacked government officials would now be regarded as having "retired in honour" and receive half their salaries for the past eight un-served years. Details of payment

had yet to be worked out. Kim, bowever, ruled out the

o their original posts because of legal and other difficulties. He said such actino would disrupt the current official hierarchy. The government proposal was

immediately rejected by victims. An association of sacked civil

Roh, elected on a personal commitment to democracy after distancing himself from Chun, his military classmate and former mentor, has been trying to reach a compromise with the opposi-

## **THE Sunday Crossword**

SUITABLE TERMS By Bert H. Krese Signiferture

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Edited by Herb Ettenson

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## **India marks Bhopal** disaster with protests BHOPAL, India (R) — Prayers

and protests in this central Indian city marked the fourth anniversary Saturday of the world's worst industrial disaster, which killed more than 3,300 people and left thousands with mental and physical scars.

Demonstrators burned effigies of former Union Carbide chief Warren Anderson Friday night outside the U.S. corporation's Bhopal pesticide plant which leaked poison gas on the night of Dec. 3, 1984.

On Saturday morning members of India's many religions joined in prayers for the 1,700 victims who died within hours of the leak and the others who have dicd since at the rate of about one a

An official responsible for rehef work in the city, capital of Madhya Pradesh state, said the death toll now stood at 3,330.

"Those who have died are lucky as they suffered for a lesser span of time than the survivors." said Alok Pratap Singh, an organiser for a group fighting for compensation for survivors and families of the victims.

Local officials said events marking the anniversary were lower key than in previous years. The U.S. firm based in Danbury, Connecticut, has so far paid no compensation. An Indian court has issued arrest warrants

against Anderson. The Indian government's \$3 hillion compensation claim against Union Carbide is locked in a complex legal battle which Indian newspapers speculate may take years.

Union Carbide, whose earlier offer of \$350 million as an out-ofcourt settlement of compensation claims was rejected by the Indian government, has argued the gas

leak was sabotage. It also contends: it reither directly owned nor operated the Bhopal plant.

Up to 200,000 people were injured in the disaster. Doctors say many will die and others will remain too sick to work.

#### were expedited even though they were not received within the 15 working days the U.S. embassy in Managua requires for

guard accused of shooting a demonstrator.

Ortega gets U.S. visa

Soviet corruption trial adjourns MOSCOW (R) - The corruption trial of Yuri Churbanov, son-in-law of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, was adjourned Friday after hearing evidence from almost 200 witnesses over three months, TASS said. Churbanov, 51, a former Soviet first deputy interior minister, is accused of accepting more than \$1 million in bribes before being sacked in late 1984. With him in the dock are eight former police officials from Uzbekistan. The official Soviet news agency did not make clear when the trial would resume for its next stage — debate between the prosecution and defence lawyers, before the verdict and sentencing.

### Tutu blames police for youth's death

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu hlamed police Friday for the death of a teenaged guerrilla suspect who fell from a high building while handcuffed in custody. "The security police know from frequent past experience that people detained by them have this extraordinary desire to jump off high buildings in their presence," Tutu said in a statement. "Why do they not take precautions to stop this from happening?" the hlack Nobel Peace Prize winner asked. Police commissioner Hennie de Witt announced Thursday that 18-year-old Amos Khoza had been arrested that morning on suspicion of belonging to the ontlawed African National Congress (ANC) and of having weapons

### Salinas spends busy first day

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Newly inaugurated President Carlos Salinas de Gortari had a full schedule his first full day in office, meeting with foreign visitors, Mexican governors and the supreme court. The president met Friday with Organisation of American States (OAS) Secretary-General Joao Baena Soares and representatives from Brazil, France, Spain, India, Japan, Hungary and the Soviet Union. Salinas, who will serve a six-year term, was sworn in as president Thursday. Meanwhile, leaders of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, chose replacements for the PRI president and general secretary that Salinas plucked away this week for his new cahinet.